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Public meeting called for tree harvest

DNR to meet
with concerned
citizens on
Monday, April 2

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has plans to reforest 1,360 acres in Crawford County, affecting the Hanson State Game Refuge and Lake Margrethe areas.

Harvest plans specifically encompass state land west of AuSable Trail and east of Lake Margrethe along the M-72 West corridor.

The MDNR Grayling Forest Management Unit will hold a public meeting to allow discussion of the harvest plans along one of Crawford County's most traveled roadways. Local property owners who have concerns regarding the tree cutting may voice their opinions and ask questions at the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

The meeting is not a formal "public hearing" and information and/or opinions offered by residents do not have to be considered by the MDNR or affect its plans.

Crawford County Chairman Scott Hanson, who is also a local realtor, is concerned the tree cutting planned "is going to decimate property values." The harvesting will result in landscape similar to a cut performed last year near



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Looking up the road toward Camp Grayling one can also see the beginning of a hill. This hill has been used by many generations for sledding. It is quite a wild ride. The 'sledding hill' is included in a MDNR plan for reforestation.

Grayling High School. "I hate to see forests cut like this. I hope we can come to some sort of compromise on this plan to avoid a long-

lasting detrimental affect on local tourism, business and property values."

The majority of the plan creates

large areas of "shelterwood;" a small portion is considered "final harvest" of all the trees. When shelterwood areas are created, the

MDNR leaves some maturing trees, mostly along the perimeter of

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Melted snow reveals deer/car casualties

Cooperative
effort helps
rid road of
unsightly mess

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Last week things really got ugly and one local woman contacted the *Avalanche* on March 20 to see if there was anything that could be done about it. Laura Schoonover said she counted 22 deer carcasses within a one-mile stretch of M-72 West near Lake Margrethe and wanted to know who is responsible for the cleanup.

With the warm weather the area enjoyed last week, much of the snow along local roadways melted away, exposing the winter-long battle between whitetails and traffic. Not only are motorists experiencing a not-so-pleasant sight, the odor coming from the decaying animals has people upset, too.

"In four years of traveling this area everyday, I have never seen anything like it," Schoonover

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County seeks input regarding 24-hour patrol, jail funding

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to raise revenue for training, jail upkeep and the reinstatement of 24-hour road patrol, the Crawford County Board Commissioners ask the public for input at a public meeting to be held next week.

The County Board and Sheriff Dave Lovely are considering the development of a millage proposal to cover the increased expenses of running the Sheriff Department and County Jail. Lovely's department recently came under fire by the Michigan Department of Corrections for jail under-staffing.

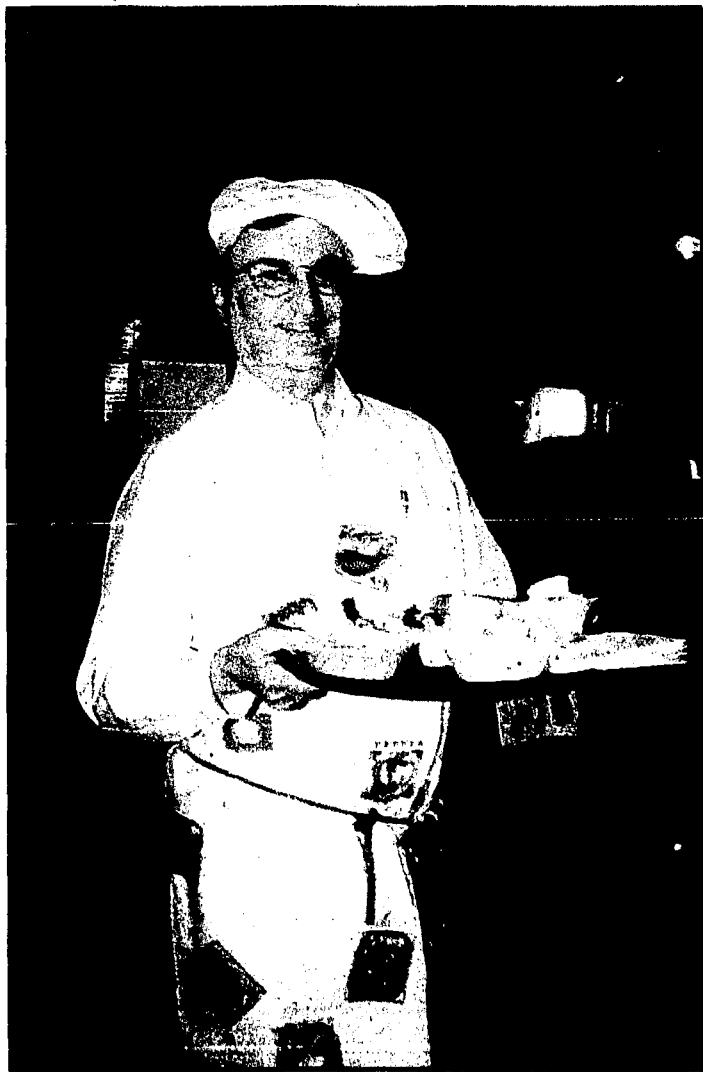
To be discussed at the meeting are issues related to the jail and 24-hour road patrol. The County Board and Sheriff Lovely are seeking feedback on the issues to determine what the public expects from the Sheriff's Department and, in turn, would like the opportunity to explain why increased revenue is needed.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Service with a smile Italian-style

Back in November the Crawford County United Way held its United Way C.A.R.E. Night auction that included bidding on the services of local celebrities. One of those who volunteered their services as a "Rent-A-Celebrity" for auction was local realtor Jerry Gosnell who fulfilled his promise to the highest bidder by waiting on tables at Spike's Keg'O Nails on Wednesday, March 21. Dressed as an Italian waiter, Gosnell provided service with a smile to patrons who were served generous portions of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Four other local celebrities were "auctioned off" last fall. The *Avalanche* has not received word on their volunteer services as of yet.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



Heating help underway via state legislation

A package of bills to help Michigan residents meet expected increases in home heating costs next winter began moving through the state Legislature this week when the measures were overwhelmingly passed by two House committees.

"We wanted to get these bills moving so the safety net is in place for residents next heating season," said state Rep. Ken Bradstreet, chair of the House Energy and Technology Committee. "Legislation in the package will provide relief on energy bills and increase the assistance available to the people who will really need it."

The plan eliminates the sunset of the state's Home Heating Tax Credit program and adjusts the program's income eligibility requirements so

more than 100,000 additional households qualify.

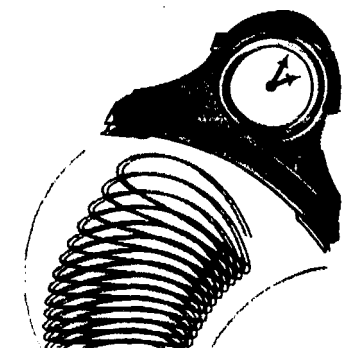
Measures also cap the state sales and use tax when the price of natural gas and other heating fuels rise above certain levels, and implement the lower percentage energy replacement tax on the amount over the capped rates.

"When the cold winds come again next winter, no Michigan resident should have to decide whether to buy food and clothing, or pay to heat their homes," said Cassis, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee. "Our plan gives a helping hand to senior citizens living on fixed incomes and those struggling to provide for their families."

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'Spring ahead' on April 1

Can it really be that time of year already? Yes, it's time, once again, to 'spring' your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, April 1 at 2 a.m. No foolin'! You'll enjoy an extra hour of daylight until in October when we fall back to Eastern Standard Time.



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explained. She added that she called several agencies but no one was willing to take responsibility for the carcass removal. "It is absolutely disgusting out there. This is no way to say 'Welcome to Grayling.'"

For miles along M-72 West the road side is peppered with signs indicating "deer crossing" areas. Along with those signs is evidence that dozens of deer didn't make it across.

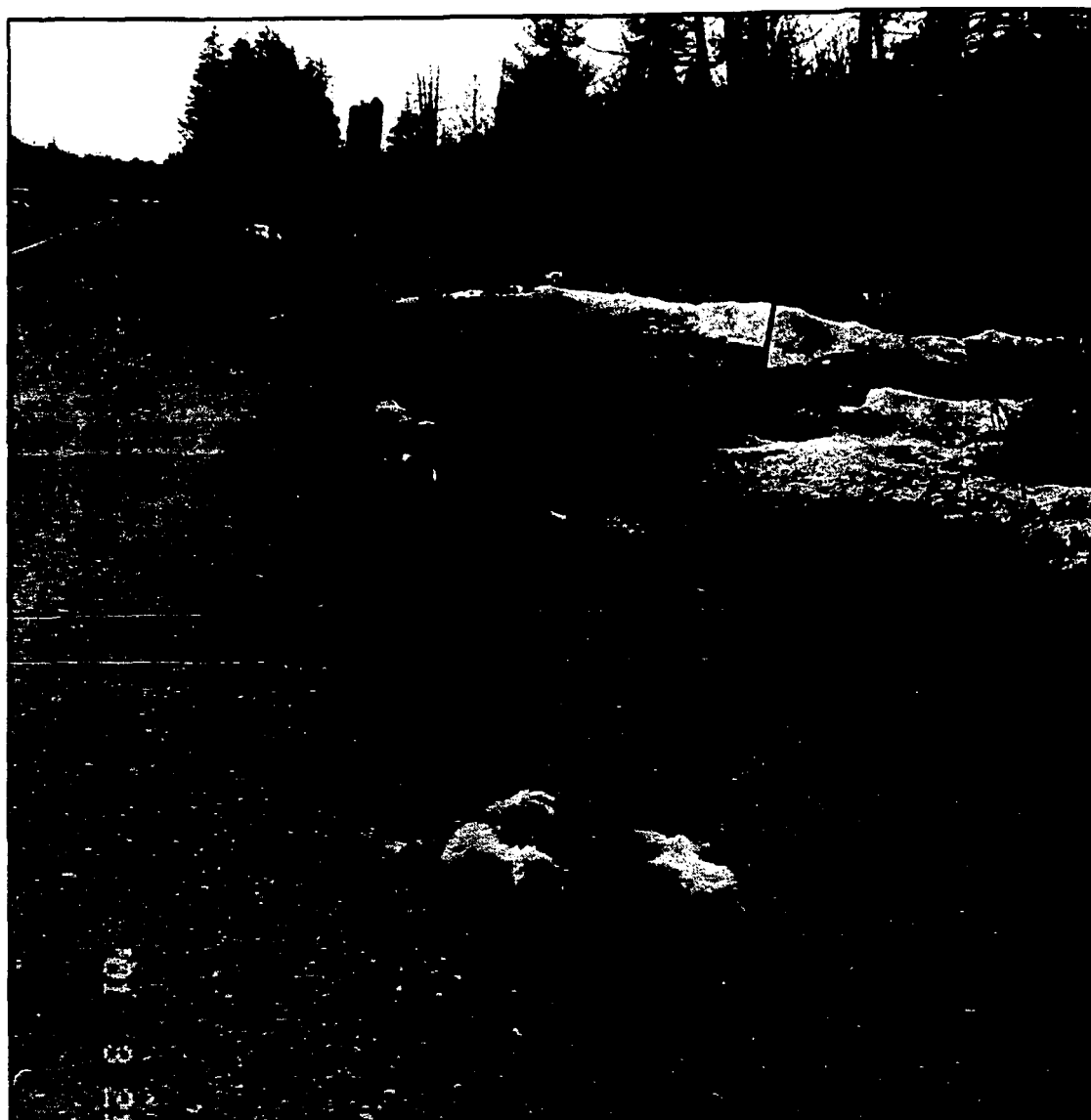
An e-mail from the *Avalanche* to Rep. Ken Bradstreet's (R-Gaylord) office last Thursday brought a quick response from Legislative Assistant Craig Ryan who contacted Don Babcock, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County and Randy Oswald of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Grayling Field Office to find a solution.

"Don went out to the area and reported back to our office that the situation is extreme," Ryan said. A unique working partnership between MDOT and the Road Commission has been developed to take care of the problem this week. "I have to caution you, this is just a one-time thing as money originally earmarked for deer carcass removal was cut from the budget this year," Ryan explained.

Last year, Rep. Dale Sheltown (D-West Branch) fought to include up to \$9 million in the MDOT budget that would help with the costs of cleanup on and along state and county roadways. Although the budget passed both the House and Senate, Gov. John Engler exercised his right to a line item veto and stopped the allocation to help reduce the state budget.

During the same time, Rep. Larry DeVuyst (R-Alma) had introduced a bill to raise revenue for deer carcass cleanup from the sale of specially designed license plates featuring the whitetail deer. When the original budget passed, pursuit of the license plate bill appeared unnecessary.

DeVuyst introduced two new House bills just last week (HB4509 and HB4510) to provide funding to remove dead deer from Michigan



A trip to the mailbox can be disheartening if you live within a one-mile stretch of M-72 West that is lined with rotting deer carcasses. MDOT and the Road Commission have agreed to help clean up winter's deer crossing carnage. Two new bills introduced in the State House last week will help fund future cleanup if passed. (X's indicate dead deer identifiable in this photo submitted by Laura Schoonover.)

roadways, Ryan said those interested in seeing funding provided apart from a budget line item should contact their state congressmen and state support for either or both bills.

If the new legislation is approved, drivers will be able to purchase a special license plate as early as next year, with revenue from the purchase to be sent to Michigan counties based on the percentage of car-deer accidents reported in each.

For now, motorists traveling local roadways will have to turn their heads and block their noses. With the exception of the stretch of M-72 West spoken of, nature will have to take its course, leaving cleanup to

natural scavengers like black birds and turkey vultures.

"Hopefully this has been an exceptional season," remarked Ryan, "and the new legislation can help with cleanup in the future."

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The 11 House bills approved by the House Energy and technology and Tax Policy committees are:

- HB 4476, sponsored by Rep. Mike Kowall, caps the sales tax levied on the taxable commodity portion of natural gas at \$3/mcf and \$1.40/gallon for propane and fuel oil sales;

- HB 4477, sponsored by Rep. Paul Wojno, caps the use tax levied on the taxable commodity portion of natural gas, propane and fuel oil sales at the same levels as HB 4476;

- HB 4478, sponsored by Kowall, creates the energy replacement tax at 3-percent on the price of natural gas paid above the capped levels. The replacement tax will generate the revenue needed to help fund the state's other incentives in the home heating initiative;

- HB 4479, sponsored by Rep. Patricia Birkholz, creates a refundable tax credit for home weatherization and upgrading to energy efficient appliances. Low income households may claim a tax credit for 10 percent of the purchase cost and installation of appliances with an Energy Star label and a 100 percent credit for the purchase cost of weatherization materials for their home;

- HB 4480, sponsored by Bradstreet, increases eligibility in the Home Heating Tax Credit Program for household incomes at or below 110 percent to 125 percent of the federal poverty level. HB 4480 also raises the credit amount people will receive under the program and provides additional funding that is targeted toward enhancing credits for seniors who live alone.

- HB 4411, sponsored by Rep.

David Woodward, will raise household income eligibility Home Heating Credit Program guidelines to households at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level during the second tax filing year after implementation;

- HB 4481, sponsored by Cassis, eliminates the sunset of the Home Heating Credit Program and ensures people receive the full credit they are entitled to by abolishing proration guidelines;

- HB 4482, sponsored by Rep. Gary Woronchak, implements an income tax form contribution line to allow taxpayers to donate \$5 or more of their income tax refund to the state's home heating fund. Proceeds from the check-off box will be used to fund the Home Heating Credit Program;

- HB 4483, sponsored by Rep. Jerry VanWoerkom, creates the Home Heating Fund, where proceeds from the income tax check-off box and the energy replacement tax will be directed;

- HB 4484, sponsored by Rep. Douglas Bovin, increases the customers eligible for electric shut-off protection by raising the income eligibility to at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty level. Additionally, the required monthly payment of at least 7 percent of their annual bill for the protection program would be lowered to 5 percent; and

- HB 4485, sponsored by Rep. Randy Richardville, extends shut-off protections to natural gas customers identical to the electrical shut-off protections in HB 4484.

The measures were expected to be on the House floor before the end of March.

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Travel series to feature Europe

► Travelogue to explore the arts, sights and history of Western Europe

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's travelogue featuring Western Europe, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, February 8, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 4. (The show was postponed due to poor weather conditions.)

The travelogue, entitled "The Real World of Western Europe,"

will be held at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door, or they can be ordered in advance by calling the Crawford AuSable Community Education office at (517) 344-3539. Ticket prices are: \$5/individual or \$4.50 for a student or senior.

The travelogue will feature an exploration of the countries of Western Europe, including views by land, river, and sea; profiles of well-known artists and musicians; and a look into the history of the region.

Highlights of the Western Europe travelogue will include: journeys to some of the most "colorful" countries in Western Europe (France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Greece) and their great cities; a look at Paul Gauguin and Vincent Van Gogh, two of Europe's most famous artists; the life of composer Mozart; the canals of Venice; the Berlin Wall; the Swiss Alps; and much more.

The narrator of "The Real World of Western Europe," Rick Howard, began traveling with his family at an early age. He saw most of the United States on his own during his

teen years. In 1974 he graduated from California State University Northridge with a Bachelor Degree in Radio, Television, and Film. Howard took his knowledge of film on the road, traveling all over the world and living the life of an "explorer/filmmaker."

"The Real World of Western Europe" is the fifth travelogue in the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Travel & Adventure Series." The Travel & Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership between the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program and lead sponsor Fick & Sons.

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the cut area, then reseed or plants saplings to create new growth of trees the department believes will grow better and with less frequency of disease, as well as provide wildlife habitat.

Some of the forest land slated for cutting involves land under the stewardship of Camp Grayling and the Michigan Department of Military Affairs which issued a document dated February 1, 1993 from their environmental office in Lansing. The document, entitled

"Camp Grayling Assumes Land Stewardship Role," states, "As tenants and stewards of nearly 147,000 acres of state land, the Michigan Department of Military Affairs shares the concerns of the citizens of the state that operations at Camp Grayling must occur with the least impact on the natural resources. Many of these citizens who work and train at this facility also make their homes here or camp, fish, hunt, and enjoy all that the area has to offer in outdoor recreation. To protect these resources, Camp Grayling

has taken a proactive posture towards protecting, conserving, and managing the natural resources."

Residents and property owners within or along the harvest plan area are expected to question the Camp Grayling Command as to the role it is taking regarding the stewardship of the land.

An area known to many over the years only as the 'sledding hill' on Margrethe Boulevard, will be harvested in the shelterwood manner. Chairman Hanson said he is hopeful that extra care is taken when har-

vesting that area. He is concerned about other areas as well and said he hopes the MDNR will seriously consider wildlife habitats and maintain adequate buffer zones for reasons of noise and wind reduction, as well as the retention of privacy for residents and property owners.

The April 2 meeting is expected to draw officials from the MDNR, Crawford County, Grayling Township, Camp Grayling, the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association and other local service organizations.

Groups file suit to stop CCW referendum

LANSING — Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners, et al are plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed to reject a petition calling for a referendum on 2000 PA 381, which reformed Michigan's Carry Concealed Weapons Statute in December, 2000.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO), an MUCC affiliate, filed a complaint for mandamus and/or superintending control March 23 against the Secretary of State and the Board of State Canvassers.

The group, People Who Care About Kids, presented signatures

the same day to the Secretary of State calling for a referendum on PA 381.

A referendum would recall the scheduled July 1 enactment of PA 381 and place the issue before voters on the November, 2002 ballot.

MUCC and MCRGO contend in their complaint that PA 381 is not, by constitution, subject to the power of referendum.

The Act makes appropriations of money to the Department of State Police to pay various expenses associated with the new law. Under Article II, Section 9, the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 states, "The power of referendum does not extend to acts making appropri-

tions for state institutions."

MCRGO Executive Director Ross Dykman explained, "A majority of Michigan Legislators reformed the Concealed Weapons Statute in a completely democratic process. This law should take effect July 1 as intended. Those who disagree with the issues have other legal methods at their disposal."

"The petitioners have selected the wrong method to secure public vote," MUCC Executive Directors Jim Goodheart emphasized. "We value public input on PA 381 in the proper forum, but it's completely unconstitutional to recall the ACT with a referendum."

MUCC and MCRGO are confi-

dent Michigan's Court of Appeals will uphold the constitution and deny a referendum on PA 381. MUCC has nearly 100,000 members and over 500 affiliated clubs whose mission is uniting citizens to conserve Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

Local history buffs needed for GMS project

The Grayling Middle School 6th Grade Team will be looking to local history buffs for assistance while students study the history of Crawford County during the months of April and May.

Sixth graders will perform research using printed information as well as interviewing people in the community.

Students may be contacting you for information and pictures taken

in the area and appreciate any support and encouragement given to their project.

The GMS Sixth Grade Team invites anyone with interesting artifacts, stories or information to speak to their classes and encourage anyone interested to come into the school and work with small groups of students on their Crawford County project. Groups will consist of two or three students and many

need a small amount of direction as well as supervision when they go out to interview members of the community.

Work on the project is scheduled to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information or to offer assistance to the students' project, call 344-3558 between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. weekdays.

Mercy Hospital to celebrate Doctor's Day

On March 30, celebrations will be held across the United States in honor of Doctor's Day. Mercy Hospital Grayling will recognize its medical staff through a celebration for their dedication and service on this day.

"Our physicians have made a tremendous impact on the quality of health care available in our communities," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "We are proud of our physicians and are pleased to have the opportunity to honor them on this special day."

Doctor's Day dates back to 1933 when a group of physicians' spouses

in Winder, Georgia chose the day to commemorate the anniversary of the first administration of anesthesia. The first Doctor's Day honored Crawford L. Long, MD, of Georgia, who discovered the use of ether as an anesthetic in Surgery. Previously, surgery was done without the use of any painkillers.

Dr. Long used ether anesthesia when he removed a tumor from a patient's neck. The patient later stated he felt nothing during the procedure. In 1990, President

George H.W. Bush signed a proclamation designating March 30 as an official day of recognition for physicians.

Doctor's Day is very worthy dedication. Physicians spend countless hours and days studying, training and preparing themselves to care for the ill and injured. Many also devote themselves to charity, patient advocacy, and community groups. It is easy to see how doctors spend their entire lives dedicated to this demanding lifestyle.

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by Richard Milliman

Bush, ABA hassle mirrors philosophical rift

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. Bush has gone and done it again.

He's made Democrats and liberals mad at him.

That's been happening so often since he took office about 10 weeks ago you'd almost think he was doing it on purpose.

There was that attorney general thing, for example. He wanted his own guy -- conservative, just-defeated Sen. John Ashcroft -- in the job, and liberals flew up in arms. But Mr. Ashcroft promised to enforce the law and not let his own biases interfere, and he won confirmation.

Then there were the reversals of some administrative rules that former President Bill Clinton put into effect in his waning hours in the White House, and Democrats and liberals didn't like some of those Bush actions, either.

And the whole tax cut thing. Mr. Bush is pushing hard and it could devolve into complete economic class warfare, with Democrats and liberals fighting for the poor

guys and conservatives and Republicans fronting for the rich folks.

Now comes a hassle with the American Bar Association about appointing federal judges.

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT Dwight D. Eisenhower about 50 years ago asked the ABA to review candidates for federal judgeships before he appointed them.

It's been part of the system since: The President submits judicial choices to the ABA which checks out the candidates and sends a report to the White House before an appointment is announced.

After an appointment, the ABA report is made public, rating the candidates as qualified, well qualified, or not qualified.

Is this veto power over judges? Well, not exactly. But most presidents would hesitate to nominate a candidate whom the ABA said was not qualified.

The ABA claims it checked only on the legal qualifications and judicial tempera-

ments of the candidates. Conservatives claim the ABA increasingly has permitted judicial philosophy to sway its judgements, which mostly came out pro-liberal and anti-conservative.

SO PRESIDENT BUSH decided to eliminate pre-screening by the ABA, and Democrats and liberals don't like it at all.

They see a conservative plot to undo all the good rulings that courts in the past have produced in key areas such as affirmative action, the environment and abortion.

Of course, George W. Bush as a campaigner promised to make the courts more conservative, and now he's on his way to keep yet another campaign promise.

Nobody should be surprised.

Democrats in the senate, which must approve judicial appointments, indicate they will ask the ABA to screen judicial nominees anyway, although the ABA review will come after the appointment is announced instead of before.

Fair enough. It won't be much different from the present system. In the past, a "not qualified" rating probably kept some candidates from being appointed; now it could keep some from being confirmed.

Other groups will weigh in with ratings, too. For the public to evaluate ratings, the first consideration should be to look at the politics of the group making the rating. American Civil Liberties Union will rate one way, for example, and the Federalist Society will rate another. Both will be predictable.

THE ESSENCE OF the controversy is a simple but profound question: What is the proper role for a judge?

Liberals and Democrats generally interpret a judge's role as protecting individuals and their rights and not permitting the law to stand in the way of protecting people as society changes. It is an activist judicial role.

Conservatives and Republicans generally

interpret a judge's role as following the law and the constitution, and enforcing the law as it is written. It is a more passive judicial role.

These are quite different roles for the courts, and each side believes it is right.

The depth of feeling runs strong, to some extent reminding of the religious and ethnic disagreements that kindle warfare in various parts of the world. These are fundamental differences.

As long as politics is involved in picking judges -- and it has been right along -- and as long as one political party wants activist judges and the other party wants strict constructionists, philosophy and contention will determine how these jobs are filled, no matter who is president.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Phantom phone call answered

To the editor,

This is in response to the "gentleman" who left the arrogant message on my answering machine. Your message was in response to my letter to the editor dated March 14, and gloating about the passage of the school bond issue.

I would have been glad to discuss with you why I feel the way I do on the issue. Unfortunately, you neglected to leave your name or phone number. Evidently you were also calling from a pay phone as my Caller-ID did not pick up your phone number. Therefore, this is my only way to converse with you.

Yes, sir, you certainly did pass the bond issue. Unfortunately, you have also saddled the people of Grayling with an excessive and unnecessary additional tax burden. Did you bother to inform and educate yourself about the issue, or did you merely listen to the "propaganda" emitted by Kent Reynolds and Company? I tend to believe the latter.

The "grass roots" group with whom I am proud to be a part of tried to inform the people of Grayling of the facts associated with this issue. Evidently, we became complacent and overconfident the issue would be voted down for a fifth time. I am particularly to blame for this belief, given the unsure state of the economy.

The timing of placing the issue on the ballot at this time is also suspect. Many of the "snowbirds" are still away and did not have an opportunity to vote. Good move on the school board's part.

So to you, sir, I say I certainly hope you can afford the additional burden you have placed on yourself and your family.

Of course, if the economy continues to deteriorate, and you find yourself having trouble meeting your financial obligations, you can always blame the Republican party, of which I am a proud member.

James W. Allman
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Former sheriff candidate may have answers

To the editor,

Regarding Kelly Shear's letter concerning students' safety, call Tim Coe now! He's the former Sheriff candidate with 17 years experience (or one year's experience 17 times -- it was difficult to determine based on his reported performance as a deputy) who had an apparently secret way to provide

24-hour road patrol with 18-hour funding. So, he ought to be able to find the funds to provide police protection at the school after 4:30 p.m. Perhaps he will share the knowledge so the kids are protected.

Or, perhaps not.

Kenn Hildebrand
Kalamazoo

DNR planning another 'landscape rape'

To the editor,

After more than 100 years, the rape of this valuable game reserve is about to begin again; this time the rape is masquerading under the auspicious guise of 'regenerating the forest' and 'improving the habitat' for the animals. Excuse me?

Areas near Danish Landing, Margrethe Boulevard, Summit, Finch Lane, Bluebird and Rasmus are also included in this insidious DNR Forest Management plan and will not be spared the chain saws.

Initially, the DNR's cutting plan began at the AuSable Trail and continued on both sides of M-72 west for more than a mile. The site maps we obtained showed "final harvest" (read clear-cut!). Further, the "final harvest" extended back down Danish Landing Road behind those homes, as well as encompassing the broad area between M-93 at Margrethe Boulevard west behind those homes. The sledding hill will become Bald Hill.

No Economic or Environmental Impact statements have been provided... just a series of flimsy excuses why the rape of the land must begin again because the DNR knows best. This "final harvest" order was only days ago altered somewhat; it was changed to something called "Shelterwood B." The irony here is that the ruin of the natural landscape to accomplish 'thinning to shelterwood' simply means cutting 80% - not 100%. Leaving a little fringe

of 40% around the edges will not diminish the ugliness.

When the area residents began to complain about the economic devastation and destruction of habitat this cutting would cause, the haunting memory of what the DNR did to Salling Pond a few years back came flooding back to all of us. Once, many of us lived on this beautiful millpond of 80 acres and the wildlife it supported was ever-changing and delightful to watch. Our neighbors bought homes or built them around this pond, but then came the day the DNR again said they knew best. Without warning, they pulled the plug on this magnificent wildlife refuge and released 100-years worth of silt and decaying vegetation upon our unfortunate downstream neighbors. Their properties will never be the same again either.

The wildlife around the pond was left to flounder and finally starved in the muck; huge fish flopped and died of asphyxiation in their shallow holes, and I don't know where the otters went. The eagles and blue herons no longer had a place to fish, and they were so bewildered, they flew in confused circles for weeks. We all watched in absolute horror as the DNR's fervent promise to release the water slowly turned into an unconscionable deluge which killed every fish from here to Grayling and devastated our property values beyond belief. Soon we may all have not only a mud pit behind but an open field of 12-inch

stumps in front of our homes. Does anyone believe the DNR knows best? We don't.

For many decades now, the Hanson Grant lands have harbored wild game and the area is posted everywhere with "No Hunting, No Trapping" signs. Obviously, the animal populations have increased accordingly. The specific conditions under which this land is held states that the military may use the land for training, but when it's not in use by them, the public may recreate and enjoy the lands.

Seasonal guests and local folks come here to vacation, to snowmobile, ride their bikes, hike the trails, and ride the fine horse trails. We've snowshoed, skied, and walked the trails here for nearly 20 years now and know the area to be healthy and home to a wide variety of plant life and living things. It is a photographer's dream. We have a lot to offer tourists and an awful lot to lose if this cutting plan is allowed to proceed.

Several deer herds are supported by the oak cover in this area, eagles roost in two of the larger pines, and the turkey vultures and coyote packs continue to cleanse the land of the weak and infirm. Turkey flocks are numerous, too, and red fox and multitudes of squirrel, ground hogs and even a bobcat of some type live north of M-72 in the area deemed 'ready for forest management.' Where will all of these animals and birds go if this land is destroyed? How will they survive with no cover, no

food, and a habitat levelled for another 100 years? They'll cross M-72 and they'll be slaughtered by the traffic while looking for food in your back yard... that's what they'll do.

This is Forest Management? That term smacks of some oxymoronic drivel considering it means cutting most of the trees to the ground and the near-complete rape of the land all over again. It's not rocket science to figure that no oak trees means no acorns. Please take time to observe the landscape rape at the corner of Old US-27 and M-93 by the high school: That is Forest Management of the type the Hanson Game Refuge and portions of the Lake Margrethe area are about to experience unless the people of this community rally to a public meeting being held April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

Susan Thiel, Grayling Forest Management Unit, requests that all interested parties call her at (517) 348-6371 to voice their concerns. Letters may be addressed to her at 1955 North I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. Or better yet, come to the meeting and support your community and its special environment. What do we sell to our visitors if it's not wildlife, lots of trees and clean air and water? If they wanted flat land, they'd all stay home and keep their money in their pockets!

Norm and Shirley Schmoock
Grayling

Memories were built from Scout's oath, moral code

To the editor,

Looking at the pictures of the Pinewood Derby brought back a flood of memories. I was a Scout Leader and my son was in the Scouts. He was a Cub Scout, Webelo, Boy Scout and, finally, the ultimate goal, an Eagle Scout. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow and also earned the Parvuli Dei Award for community service with a senior shut-in. I can remember his entry in the Derby, the Scout Jamborees, the weekend camping at the Scout Camp near Rochester.

I've always admired the Scout Oath and the moral code of Scouting. Now the Scouts of America are under attack on two

fronts because of the latest decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in a case initiated by a homosexual person and counselor vs. the Boy Scouts of America.

The case involves a gay Scout Leader who was dismissed from his position. The Court ruled the Boy Scouts of America was a private organization and was within their right to dismiss this person. This decision by the Court apparently infuriated the gay community to the point where they decided to get even.

The first attack came when gay groups approached businesses who contributed to the United Way to cease those contributions or there

would be an economic boycott. You see, Boy Scouts of America received some funding from the United Way. The gay groups didn't stop there.

Next, these groups approached school boards demanding that the Scouts not be permitted to use school buildings after hours for their meetings and activities. A large number of school boards complied. Some school boards allowed Scouts to remain using the buildings, but must now pay a rental fee, which other organizations do not.

These decisions by school boards do not affect Girl Scouts because several years ago, the governing board ruled that female gays would be allowed to be leaders and coun-

selors of our young girls and also because gay groups didn't object about the Girl Scouts because of this decision by the governing board.

When an individual frowns upon the gay lifestyle he or she is attacked as a bigot or that they are hiding behind the Bible. I am not attacking the gays, I am only saying the courts ruled, now get over it... don't get even. Stop punishing our 7.5 million innocent Boy Scouts.

In closing, may I please remind you of the old saying... beware when good is evil and evil is good.

Dennis M. Meyers
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Boosters announce raffle winners

The winners of \$25 each from the Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 Raffle for the week of March 25 are: Michael Steffey, Tom Devins, Sharon Bly and Clarence Bryans.

Internet marketing workshop offered

Internet marketing -- is it for you, for your business? On April 25, take the opportunity to answer these questions and more at an MSU-Extension Workshop on E-Commerce. This workshop is made possible by an extension with the co-sponsorship of the Grayling Regional and Roscommon-Higgins Lake Chambers of Commerce. The program will be presented by an E-Commerce team from Michigan State University and local resource people who are using the Internet to market their products and services. The day session workshop will be held at Shoppenagon's Inn in Grayling starting at 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of the workshop is \$20 including lunch and materials. For a registration packet, contact MSU-Extension at (517) 275-5043. Registration will be limited.

Tabernacle to host 'Women Ablaze'

Burning Bush Tabernacle will be hosting "Women Ablaze" on Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin with food and fellowship. Women Ablaze is an interdenominational group of women who meet once a month to minister to one another and to be ministered to by God. This month's speaker is Carol Cole, "a woman who comes from a rich spiritual background and flows in the gifts of the spirit," said Pastor Patricia Petrie. Ladies of Crawford County are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-1278.

New AARP Chapter to be discussed

A meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a new chapter of the AARP, for those 55-years of age and older, will be held Thursday, March 29 at 12 noon at the Commission on Aging Senior Center, 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the Center at 348-7123.

Retired state employees group to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 3 at the Houghton Lake Community Building beginning at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Carol Stouffer, R.S.V.P. Coordinators for NEMCSA. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Go from 'Spring to Fall' with Gardeners

Gardeners, you are invited to the Monday, April 9 meeting of the Master Gardeners Society at 7 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall. Advanced Master Gardener Norma Boyle will take you from "Spring to Fall" with hints and suggestions for a year-long colorful garden. Come prepared to ask questions about your gardening concerns. For more information, call President Jean at (517) 366-5169.

Church plans all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host a soup, sandwich, salad, and dessert luncheon on Thursday, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person for all-you-can-eat. Everyone is welcome and take-outs will be available.

Auxiliary hosts craft show/bake sale

The Grayling American Legion Auxiliary will host a Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall, 106 James Street in Grayling.

Pet photos with Easter Bunny offered

Northern Tails pet grooming is offering to take your pet's photo with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 per photo to benefit a local community service project. Northern Tails is located at 1250 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, across from Mercy Hospital. For more information or a sitting time, call 344-9999.

Learn to enhance waterfront fish and wildlife habitats

If you would like to learn how to protect water quality, control erosion and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on your lakeshore or streambank property, six area organizations are sponsoring a workshop designed to help you reach your goals.

The workshop is scheduled for May 18 at Kirtland Community College. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Douglas G. Pullman of Aquest Corporation. He will discuss how trends in Michigan's riparian areas affect surface and water quality.

Other speakers will include Howard Wandell of Michigan State University Extension, who will provide ideas on lawns and vegetation buffer strips for waterfront property. Jeff Silagy of the Department of Environmental Quality will speak about laws and permits relating to lake, stream and wetland development, the functions and values of waters and wetlands, and using plants to control erosion.

Sue Reid of the Groundwater Stewardship Program will present five case studies to show how common household practices affect water resources. Doug Reeves of the Department of Natural Resources will discuss wildlife biology and management in wetland areas.

Panel discussions and question-and-answer sessions will also be

part of the event.

Sponsors of the workshop are the Conservation District of Team Huron, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Michigan State University, the Kirtland's Warbler Festival Committee, Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), and Ducks Unlimited. They will have displays where participants can obtain information on services available.

Costs are \$20 per person and \$15 for each additional family member. Included are lunch, reference books, and materials on landscaping and erosion control.

To register, contact the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, 606 Lake Street, P.O. Box 156, Roscommon, MI 48653; telephone (517) 275-5231.

Registration deadline is May 1.

LIBRARY NEWS



Marc Thomas and Max the Moose

Max the Moose will be at the Crawford County Library Friday, April 6 at 1pm to help celebrate Spring Break.

Max the Moose and his sidekick Marc Thomas will perform a musical concert in the Children's room of the Crawford County Library for children of all ages.

For more information please call the Crawford County Library.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone number is 348-9214.

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Camp urges art students to enter annual contest

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) is encouraging Michigan high school students in his district to participate in the 20th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

"The contributions of young artists are invaluable to our schools and communities," said Camp. "This is a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate their creative abilities."

The contest, called "An Artistic Discovery," is open to any high school student in the 4th Congressional District. The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. Prizes will also be awarded to the four regional winners. The theme of this year's competition will be the artistic interpretation of their hopes for the new millennium.

Artwork entered in the contest must be an original concept (not reproduced from photos, paintings or other works), two-dimensional and no larger than 32" x 32" framed. Eligible categories are paintings, drawings, collages and prints.

Entries are due by April 21, 2001 at any one of Congressman Camp's three Congressional offices in Owosso, Midland and Houghton Lake. Entries will be displayed in the Midland Mall from April 30-May 7.

For further information, contact Art Competition Chairman Mark Francisco at (517) 839-2401 or Congressman Dave Camp's office at 1-800-342-2455.

9&10 'Web Shooters' wanted

WWTW-WWUP/TV, 9&10 News will accept pictures of newsworthy events or interesting weather shots for possible broadcast through our Web Shooters page, featured on our Web site, www.9and10news.com.

9&10 News can't catch every event on camera, so it is giving its audience a chance to share their photographs with the community by becoming Web Shooters.

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"This is a great opportunity for community involvement in our news broadcast, who better to help us cover stories in Northern Michigan than the people who live here," said Kevin Dunaway, News Director at 9&10 News.

Weight restrictions in full force

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be implementing additional weight restrictions on state roadways to help prevent damage to the roads during the spring thaw.

Effective now, weight restrictions have been imposed and are being enforced on all state trunklines throughout the entire state, including both the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all season."

All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads only within the restricted area. Permits will not be valid for oversize loads within the

restricted area. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width within the restricted area.

For weight restriction information, please telephone 1-800-787-8960.

Did you know?

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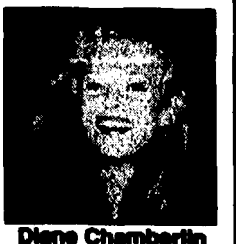
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The Bible Speaks

Energy Crisis

Remember the energy crisis of the early 70's when we waited in line at gas stations, and liberals constantly reminded us of how wasteful Americans were for squandering our limited energy resources? Recently in California, with rolling blackouts and threatened power failures, liberals are again blaming our capitalistic greed and waste for the problem.

California Governor Gray Davis and the legislature have proposed new solutions, from having the state take over power generating plants, to creating state-run power facilities, to holding an on-line auction where the state can take bids from energy vendors. In all of these proposals, the government is presented as the answer and private industry is blamed as the cause of their present energy problems. Then why is California the only state with such major problems? And who is responsible for the fact no new power generating facilities have been produced in California in recent years?

The Ayn Rand Institute in California blames environmentalists for the energy problems. Ayn Rand resident fellow Onkar Ghatge said "all of the major industries that produce power have been under attack by environmental groups." Ghatge said, "Any attempt to produce any new [nuclear] plants comes under years of litigation.

Coal is attacked because it's too dirty, hydro because of dam construction." Ghatge says energy supplies are readily available. "We're just not allowed to use them."

Chris Nance of the California Forestry Association illustrates the above assertion. He tells how the Honey Lake biomass plant was closed last year because of a lawsuit by the San Francisco based Earth Island Institute which forced the suspension of logging in the Sierras. This limited the 20 biomass companies from having sufficient fuel to produce electricity. An Earth Island Institute press release of October 16, 2000 stated the reason for their lawsuit was to protect "the California spotted owl and the Pacific fisher." Their press release boasted that the lawsuit was unprecedented, "Never before has such a sweeping suit, covering ten National Forests and over eleven million acres, been filed in California."

Today, in northern Michigan, we have a model generating plant which produces electricity sufficient for our area from wood chips and shredded tires. They use modern technology to turn waste products into electricity while improving our environment at the same time. The whole issue comes down to common sense choices for the use of God-given resources for the welfare of all God's creation.

The real problem is spiritual and concerns our priorities in life. God says, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves." (Rom 1:21-24) Our greatest danger comes not from the destruction of creation, but from defiance toward our Creator. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Hospice offers 'Living with Grief' teleconference

On Wednesday, April 18, Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will join more than 2,000 organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's Eighth Annual "Living with Grief" Teleconference.

"Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses," a live via satellite video teleconference, will examine ways that professionals can better understand and respond to the needs of family caregivers.

The teleconference will be held at Grayling Mercy Hospital beginning at 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Seating is limited, so call (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457 soon to make a reservation or for more information.

"It is estimated that there are more than 25 million family caregivers in this country providing 80% of home care services. In many cases, this valuable work is unrecognized," commented Jack Gordon, Chairman of the Hospice Foundation of America.

"Caregiving is especially challenging for those coping with terminal illness and facing end-of-life decisions," continued Gordon. "It's important for healthcare professionals to understand the unique needs of family caregivers and assist them in ways that provide support and understanding."

This program will offer insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions, and cope with

their grief.

The 2.5-hour program will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News and will feature a distinguished panel of experts, with a special message from former First Lady Rosalynn Carter. The panel will include experts in the field of gerontology, ministry, health care financing and aging, and the president of the National Health Council.

The annual broadcast reaches an estimated live audience of 150,000 people nationwide.

"We are very happy to be able to offer this excellent program on assisting caregivers in the very difficult tasks of caring for those with a life-limiting illness," said Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Hospice.

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There are so many examples of this truism. We endure some discomfort as our baby teeth are replaced and our "grown-up" teeth begin to grow through. In the same way, we might experience some pain in our lives as the Creator makes way for those traits that help us become spiritual "grown-ups." We may not be as joyful as this young lady because the path ahead is not clear to us. We must have the courage to give up the control over our will and let the Father work His divine will. Then, we can become a faithful and joyful spiritual being. Our Lord says in Luke 17:33, "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it."

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knockel
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
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Sunday Services 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.
275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 9 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday
Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling
348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093
or 348-5362
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Palm Sunday Service 11:30 am
Maunday Sunday Service 6 pm
Good Friday Service 6 pm
Easter Sunday 11:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West
Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 am
by Licensed Daycare Professional
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Center
Terry Dickinson, Minister
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters
(517) 348-1584
Sunday Services 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
Higgins Lake - (just east of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center)
Sunday Outdoor Chapel Worship 11 am

OBITUARIES

Lori Summers

May 29, 1971 - March 23, 2001

Lori Summers, 29, of Grayling died at Mercy Hospital on Friday, March 23 after a more than four-year battle with cancer.

Lori was born May 29, 1971 to Gerald and Nancy (Westmoreland) Shepherd in Lansing. On July 4, 1998 the former Lori Shepherd married Cory Michael Summers at the Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Summers moved to Grayling from East Lansing in 1997. She was a teacher's aide at Grayling Elementary School and enjoyed camping, arts & crafts, gardening and collecting antiques.

Survivors include: husband Cory Summers; two children, Justin and Camden; parents, Gerald and Nancy Shepherd of East Lansing; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Michael and Georgia Summers of Marquette; three sisters, Brenda (Steve) Carlson of East Lansing, Cindy Shepherd of East Lansing and April Shepherd of East Lansing; two brothers, Scott (Patricia) Shepherd of Lansing and Andrew Shepherd of Las Vegas, Nevada; grandparents, Mary Westmoreland of Tucson, Arizona, Henry (Gail) Summers of Marquette and George Maxson of North Port, Florida. She is also survived by many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Memorials should be sent to Mercy Hospital or The American Cancer Society.

In memory of...

Emma "Toots" Muth - Moggo
Well mom its been a year on March 3, 2000, we lost you and we sure do miss you and love you. We also miss your big smile and sitting across the table playing cards with you. We know you are in God's hands and have no more pain. We will always be thinking of you.

Love

Tom, Bob, Ellen and Mary

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 79 calls during the week of March 19-25:

One assault/intimidation/stalking, one larceny, three public peace/disorderly, six driving violations/DWLS, etc., three health and safety, two conservation, three miscellaneous criminal offense, four delinquent minors, 20 traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, two traffic violations (civil infractions), one valid alarm, two false alarm activations, 10 motor vehicle inspections, one civil matter dispute - family trouble, four suspicious situations, one missing person, 12 general non-criminal, one miscellaneous arrest, one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 34 complaints during the week of March 18-24:

One misdemeanor citation, one civil infraction citation, one traffic accident, two private property accidents, one traffic control complaint, one motorist assist, five larcenies, five juvenile complaints, two false alarms, two assaults, one animal control complaint, two disturbance complaints, four suspicious situations, and six unclassified complaints. Fifteen traffic warnings were also issued.

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83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for January - February 2001

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Betty Louann Lozon, 30, of Grayling: Grayling City Ordinance #4 - ordered to pay \$160 in fines/costs.

Steven Paul Wells, 42, of Roscommon: Domestic Violence - ordered to pay \$850 in fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation. Served 21 days in jail with credit for 1 day already served.

Robert Joseph Denno, 28, of Grayling: No valid license in possession - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail.

William Joseph Krusiewicz, 48, of Shelby Township: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$700 in fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail.

Howard Conrad Sartin, Jr., 27, of Grayling: License Suspended/Revoked - Allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$755 in fines/costs and/or 75 days in jail; placed on 181 days probation. Served 5 days in jail with credit for 1 day already served.

Jason Michael Shastal, 19, of Waterford: License suspended/Revoked - Allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$405 in fines/costs and/or 45 days in jail; placed on 181 days probation. Served 15 days in jail with credit for 15 days already served.

Claude Harris Foley, Jr., 65, of Burton: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$430 in fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

James Robert Hubbard, 25, of Royal Oak: License suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$590 in fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail.

Michael Anthony Godinez, Jr., 32, of Grayling: Domestic Violence - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and serve 93 days in jail.

Brandon Michael Caputo, 24, of Grayling: License suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$875 in fines/costs.

HONORS

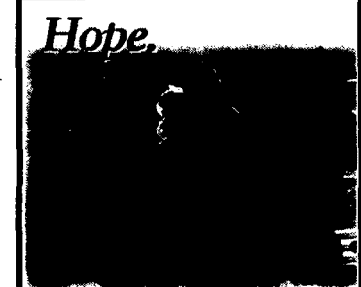
Phillips Academy

Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts has named Anneliese Finke to the honor roll for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Phillips Academy, also known as Andover, is a coeducational independent high school of 1,065 students, known for its academics and the diversity of its student body. Located 25 miles north of Boston, the academy was founded in 1778 and is the nation's oldest incorporated boarding school.

Anneliese is the daughter of Detmar and Carol Finke of Grayling.

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fines/costs and/or 87 days in jail; placed on 365 days probation. Served 60 days in jail with credit for 45 already served.

Amy Marie Weisel, 21, of Mecosta: Open alcohol in motor vehicle and Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$540 in fines/costs and/or 54 days in jail.

Thomas Andrew Traylor, 31, of Buckley: Disorderly person/drunken - ordered to pay \$160 in fines/costs and/or 16 days in jail.

Jerred Matthew Rich, 21, of Mio: Violation of License restriction - ordered to pay \$115 in fines/costs.

Barbara Louise Schuckel, 38, of Roscommon: Fraud - Welfare \$500 or less - ordered to pay \$680 in fines/costs and/or 68 days in jail.

Mary Jean Cannoy, 26, of Grayling: License Suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$680 in fines/costs and/or 33 days in jail; placed on 181 days probation.

Thomas Frank Drouillard, 23, of Grayling: Larceny - less than \$200 - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail.

Dennis James Huff, 43, of St. Ignace: Impaired Driving, 2nd offense - ordered to pay \$1,100 in fines/costs and/or 110 days in jail.

Thomas Michael Phillips, 55, of Grayling: OUIL - ordered to pay \$1,190 in fines/costs and/or 119 days in jail; placed on 730 days probation. Served 75 days in jail with credit for 75 days already served.

Jason Matthew Abbey, 34, of Lansing: License suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs.

Michele Louise Dannenberg, 39, of Grayling: OUIL - ordered to pay \$1,150 in fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail; placed on 365 days probation. Served 15 days in jail with credit for 10 days already served.

Thomas Michael Phillips, 55, of Grayling: Stalking - ordered to pay

\$260 in fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail; placed on 730 days probation. Served 75 days in jail with credit for 75 days already served.

Karen Marie Partlow, 41, of Grayling: Assault/ Assault and Battery - ordered to pay \$730 in fines/costs and/or 38 days in jail; placed on 181 days probation and 40 hours of community service. Served 20 days in jail with credit for 15 days already served.

Stephen Kinney Patterson, 23, of Roscommon: OUIL - ordered to pay \$1,200 in fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail; placed on 365 days probation. Served 30 days in jail with credit for 30 day already served.

Rick Alan Gaertner, 42, of Grayling: License suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail.

Gary Arthur Partlow, Jr., 39, of Grayling: Assault/ Assault and Battery - ordered to pay \$430 in fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

Joseph Edward Wasnock, 20, of Fairview: License suspended/Revoked - allow suspended person to operate and 2 counts Entered in Traffic Module - ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs.

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Diabetes Support Group

A health care professional will guide you through discussion and coping strategies. There is no cost to attend.
Mercy Family Care - Roscommon
April 5, 1 - 2 pm
Mercy Community Health Center - Prudenville
April 12, 1 - 2 pm

Therapeutic Touch — Level I
Learn this energy based therapeutic approach to healing. Helps to maintain wellness, reduce stress and promote relaxation, and increase post-operative healing. Learn the techniques for yourself or to help a loved one. Preregistration is required.
April 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cancer Support Group

Program provides an opportunity for learning, sharing, and comfort.
April 16, 6:30 - 8 pm

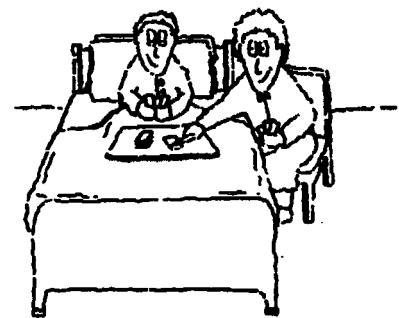
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Mercy Amicare Home Health and Hospice are honoring community caregivers by providing free information on stress management, financial and legal advice, support groups, and other resources to keep you mentally and physically healthy. Preregistration is required.

Shoppenagons - Grayling
April 19, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Fifth Street Grill - Roscommon
April 23, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Coyles - Houghton Lake
April 24, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Diabetes Education Program

For those with diabetes that want to take charge of their life. Family members are invited to join at no extra charge. Held in Grayling, Roscommon, and Prudenville.
Call for an appointment



Other Program Offerings in April

Breastfeeding Class
Preregistration is required.
April 5, 7 - 9 pm

Lamaze Childbirth Preparation Classes
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Begins April 19, 7 - 9 pm


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The Grayling Cooperative Preschool staff and students are preparing for warmer weather. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday P.M. four-year-old class proudly display their spring bird feeder/house project. All classes at the preschool have also held their annual pool party (indoors, of course) and will have their spring break vacation soon.

P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent
Improvement Team,
Grayling Middle School

• **FORENSICS** - Three GMS Forensic members placed in the top three at a competition held at East Grand Rapids on March 8: Jesse Lane, 2nd place in "Sales;" Kim Long, 3rd in "Sales;" and Andrea Southard, 3rd place in "Informative." The Forensic Team went to the state competition at the University of Michigan this past weekend.

• The 6th grade Adult Recognition Breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 28, at the middle school. The 6th graders have nominated adults who have made a posi-

tive influence in their lives and honored them with a special award and breakfast.

• The 6th grade "battle of the books" competition began on Monday. Teams of four have had four weeks to read four books. This week they will compete against one another on questions about the novels.

• The middle school door decorating contest winners were selected on Thursday night. Though all the doors were good, three were chosen as the favorites. The third place door was Mrs. Ingvarsson's homeroom and the book was *The Wizard of Oz*. Mr. Meier's door about *Alice in Wonderland* took second. The

first place door by Mrs. Tuskin's homeroom represented the book *Captain Underpants*.

• Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Hinkle's 6th graders will be studying the history of Crawford County the last marking period. They are looking for people who would like to come in and work with students on projects. Also, anyone who has interesting information, pictures, stories, etc. about our county are welcome to share. Leave a message for Mrs. Leslie if you would like to help out.

• 4-H Exploration Days at MSU are June 20-22. Applications and information are available in the middle school counseling office (344-3560 or 344-3562) or at the Crawford County 4-H Office (344-3264).

• Kirtland Community College Summer Courses for 2001 run August 13-17. These classes are open to 7th and 8th grade students in Crawford, Roscommon,

Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. See Mrs. Metiva (344-3560) for applications and more information.

• Nine GMS students and two GMS staff members attended Natural Helpers Training in Cedarville, March 6-8. The Natural Helpers Program is based on the idea that when students have issues/concerns, they will seek out friends and/or adults for help. The program identifies a "helping network" of students and adults at GMS. The helpers are then trained and supported to serve as helpers to our student body. The PIT is excited to have the Natural Helper Program starting at GMS.

• Band members: April 21 is the state finals for 8th grade band.

• The end of the third marking period is March 23. Report cards will be sent out before spring break begins.

• **SPRING BREAK** is March 30 through April 9.

Next stop, state geography bee

One hundred students in grades four through eight will compete in the 13th annual Michigan Geographic Bee April 6 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Grayling Middle School student, Christopher S. Secord is one of the contestants.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the national Geographic Society.

Students are orally tested on geographic knowledge.

More than 500 Michigan schools participated in preliminary bees in January. Winners of the preliminary rounds took a written qualifying test, which was scored by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. The top scorers advanced to the state bee.

The April 6 competition will begin with preliminary rounds at 9 a.m. in the Bovee University Center. The students will advance to the 11 a.m. final round. Wayne Kiefer, Michigan coordinator of the National Geographic Bee and a member of the CMU geography faculty, will be the moderator.

The winner will receive \$100 and an all-expenses paid trip to the national finals May 22 and 23 in Washington, D.C. the national champion will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Foster Grandparents hold in-service

The Foster Grandparent Program of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency held their March In-Service at B. J.'s Restaurant in Gaylord. The guest speaker was Marey Jurkovich, Community Educator from River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Service.

Prize winners were Jane Carpenter and Rose Hinkle of Mio and Alva Mitchell of Luzerne. Mary Dedenbach of Cheboygan was introduced as a new Foster Grandparent.

The Annual Recognition Luncheon was discussed which will be held on April 26 at the Holiday Inn of Alpena. The volunteers also discussed with much anticipation the upcoming State-Wide Conference, which will be held in May at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island.

The 12th Annual Tri-Lakes HOME SHOW

Sponsored By The Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

April 7-8, 2001

Houghton Lake High School

9:00-5:00 - Saturday, April 7

11:00 - 4:00 - Sunday, April 8

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Heartbreakers - PG-13 - (12)

Starring - Sigourney Weaver and Gene Hackman
• 7 and 9:15 nightly
• Sat & Sun 2 and 4:15pm

Exit Wounds - R - (101)

Starring - Steven Seagal
• 7 and 9pm nightly
• Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

Spy Kids - PG (93)

Starring - Antonio Banderas & Carla Gugino
• 7 and 9pm nightly • Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

Someone Like You - PG-13 - (74)

Starring - Ashley Judd & Greg Kinnear
• 7 and 9pm nightly
• Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

The Mexican - R (123)

Starring - Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts
• 9pm nightly
• Sat & Sun 4pm

Tomcats - R - (90)

Starring - Jerry O'Connell & Shannon Elizabeth
• 7 and 9pm nightly
• Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

Preschoolers take to the trails on winter outing



Photo courtesy of Lisa Burmeister

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool Monday, Wednesday and Friday A.M. four-year-old class gave cross country skiing a glide during a recent winter outing in Grayling.

Be a 'Buddy': sign up to be an organ donor

Secretary of State Buddy Day and a new theater promotion to increase awareness about organ donation will kick off April as "Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month."

On April 1, the Secretary of State begins an organ donor awareness campaign in movie theaters throughout Michigan, in cooperation with the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Theater Owners and the Gift of Life Agency in Ann Arbor. More than 175 theaters have agreed to show slides, a public service announcement, banners and posters encouraging residents to enroll on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

The following week, on Monday, April 9, Secretary of State branch offices across Michigan will sponsor "Buddy Day" with the Gift of Life Agency to raise awareness about the need for organ donors and help reduce the number of the more than 2,400 patients waiting for a life-saving transplant.

"Fifteen people die each month because of an inadequate number of donors," said Secretary of State Candice Miller. "Buddy Day and our theater campaign provide us with an excellent opportunity to promote the important message of organ donation. Everyone can help make a big difference in the life of someone waiting for transplant by enrolling on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, and talking to family and friends about organ donation."

Secretary Miller added, "If we can encourage people to enroll on the organ donor registry through our theater campaign, who knows how many lives may be saved as a result."

During Buddy Day, organ donor recipients, their families and friends, as well as families who have had a loved one donate organs, volunteer to visit a Secretary of State branch office to meet with customers.

Buddies will be in branch offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to distribute organ donor information, stickers, pencils and other educational materials. Branch offices without Buddies will have organ donor information on display.

Residents who will not be at a branch office for Buddy Day on April 9 still have plenty of opportunities to sign up for the Organ Donor Registry. Enrollment cards are mailed with every driver license and personal identification card, and the Secretary of State web site provides residents with the opportunity to register online at www.sos.state.mi.us. Since the department's enrollment card program began, more than 320,000 names have been submitted to the Gift of Life Agency for the registry.

Gov. John Engler has declared April as "Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month."

The Gift of Life Agency is Michigan's only certified, full-ser-

vice organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary to provide educational resources about organ donations for donors, recipients, physicians, and hospital staff.

For more information about organ donation, contact the Gift of Life Agency at 1-800-482-4881.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 28 - April 3:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafing conducted.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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Wed. 28 - Herbed Chicken/Roast; 10 a.m. Exercises; 11 a.m.

Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m. Stag Cards; Fun & Games at 12:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. Burger King Bingo.

Thu. 29 - Beef Chop Suey/Meatloaf; 11 a.m. to 12 noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken; 1 p.m. Pinochle Club. 12:15 p.m. a speaker talking about a new AARP Chapter.

Fri. 30 - Swiss Steak/ no dinner; Remember to set your clocks back when you go to bed; 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy.

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The new Volunteer Victim Services Unit at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office is searching for Volunteer Advocates. The Volunteers will work in pairs when they are requested by area police agencies. Sometimes they will respond to the scene of a traffic accident, drowning or other tragedy, sometimes to the scene of a domestic violence incident.

They will act as a go-between or liaison between the family and police. The Advocates will help by calling other family members or friends, a minister or priest; perhaps they will simply make coffee and provide a shoulder to cry on. Their help is meant to be only on a short term basis.

Crawford County began putting its program into place earlier this year. It will culminate in a 20 hour training program the last weekend in April, during which the new Volunteer Advocates will learn about accident and crime scene investigations, sexual assault, the role of the medical examiner, the criminal justice system and how to assist a grieving family.

Interested individuals may contact Victim/Witness Coordinator, Sharon Huss at 517-344-3248. This program is sponsored by the Michigan Sheriff's Association. The statewide group works with county sheriff's departments throughout the state to set up local programs.

New auto repair shop opens on Old 27

► E&M Services of Grayling specializes in heavy truck and RV repairs

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

E&M Services, a new auto repair shop specializing in heavy trucks and recreational vehicles, is now open for business on Old 27 in Grayling.

The shop is set up to fix vehicles "top to bottom, front to back," owner Ed Nickel said, and the goal is to have "no comebacks. Everything is done right the first time."

Nickel, a full-time Crawford County resident since 1993, has worked a variety of jobs using his skills as a mechanic, welder, and builder. He constructed his own log home in Beaver Creek Township when he first moved to the county.

After years of working for other people, "I decided to break out on my own," Nickel said.

Nickel co-owns E&M Services with Mike McKerchie, his friend of 20-plus years and now a financial partner. Currently, Nickel is running the business and working as a mechanic.

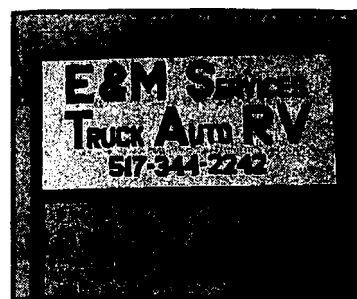
McKerchie plans to lease part of the E&M Services building, located on North Old 27, for an expansion of his downstate roofing business, Nickel said. The two men are currently leasing the building, but have plans to purchase it and expand the operation if things go well.

Business is favorable so far, Nickel said. "It's carrying its own."

The company has been open since February 1. E&M Services specializes in repairing heavy trucks and recreational vehicles (snowmobiles, four-wheelers, etc.) as well as RV trailers.

"There's not too many people that work on them around here," said Nickel.

To this point, Nickel is finding the experience to be a handful. Is he enjoying it? "Yeah and no," he said. "It's definitely a challenge. I'm



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doing the paperwork, answering the phone, and working as a mechanic."

Nickel and one other mechanic, Dave Lassen, are the only ones currently working at E&M.

Nickel has plans to expand the building to accommodate larger trucks, and house his partner's roofing business. E&M also plans to offer snowplowing service next winter.

E&M Services can be reached at 344-2242.

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Bargain hunters: there's a new discount store in town

► Dollar Madness, located on James Street in Grayling, is now open

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After 40 years in the construction business, Richard Mountz of West Branch found a new calling that led him back to Grayling for the first time since 1959 when he visited for a canoe trip.

Mountz opened Dollar Madness on January 22 in the old Reliable Supply building on James Street (I-75 Business Loop) in Grayling.

Upon entering the store, customers will find wide aisles Mountz says he created to accommodate shoppers in wheelchairs and to allow plenty of space for passing shopping carts. "I have received a lot of compliments from customers on how easy it is to move around the store," said Mountz.

The establishment holds all the merchandise one would expect to find in a discount "dollar" store. For sale is everything from candy to party supplies and wrapping paper, to hair accessories, novelties, household cleaning supplies, and more.

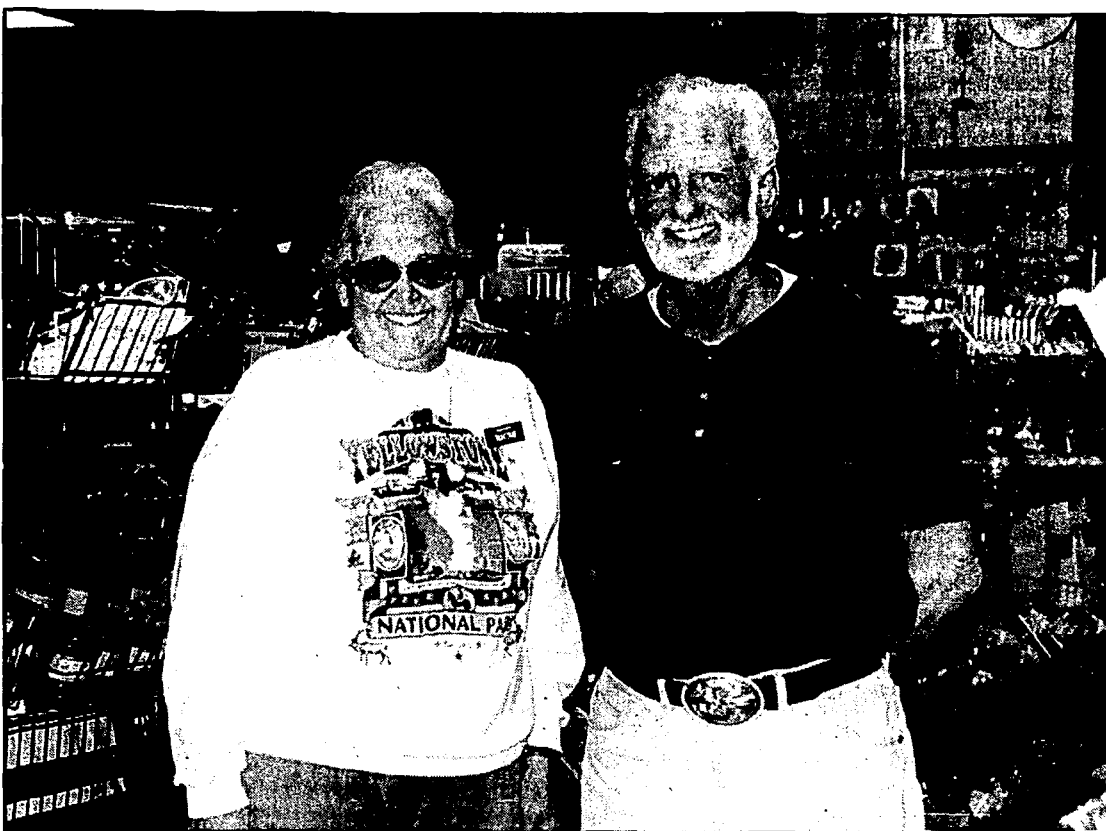


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Dollar Madness store manager Naomi Carey and owner Richard Mountz said they are happy to be serving the people of Grayling and Crawford County. They are shown here in one of the spacious aisles they developed to allow those in wheelchairs to shop more easily. The store opened in late January in the old Reliable Supply building on James Street.

Mountz employs five people, Carey. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



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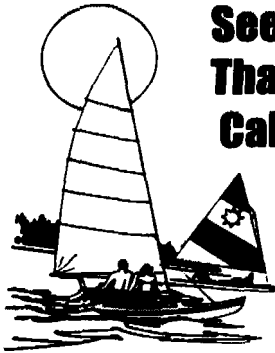
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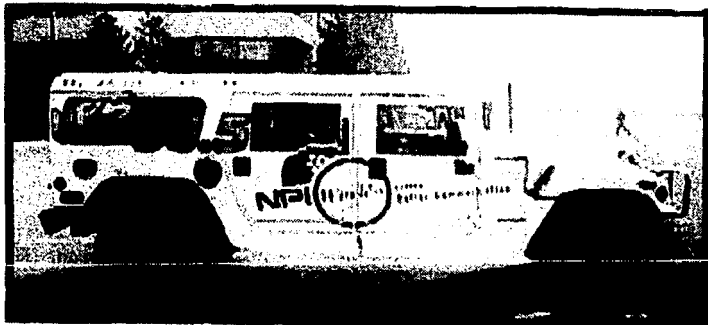
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U-M research helps babies with respiratory problems

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But, while the sight of these infants may be emotionally draining, the good news is that, more and more are being kept alive and are thriving, thanks to the latest respiratory treatments now being used at the University of Michigan and other leading medical centers. They include a new generation of ventilators controlled by the infants themselves, and others that operate in a much gentler fashion, sparing injury to delicate lungs. There also are new medications, mimicking a substance found in healthy lungs that help them inflate easier.

Between eight and ten percent of all newborns will require a stay in a neonatal intensive care unit because of respiratory problems, usually related to premature birth. And, with continued medical advances, babies born earlier are surviving, causing an increase in the number of premature infants with lung ailments.

"The most common reasons for babies to have respiratory problems are related to prematurity," says Steven Donn, M.D., director of neonatal-perinatal medicine in the U-M Health System. "Babies who are born early have underdeveloped lungs, both from an anatomical and biochemical standpoint. Their lungs are unable to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide without the help of either a respirator or some medication. We also see babies with lung problems from infection or birth



defects that need the same help."

The U-M's Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is using two cutting-edge artificial ventilation therapies to help young lungs heal. Donn says both of them address an issue that has long been a problem with babies' lungs - "how to ventilate them without subjecting the delicate lungs to the noxious forces of pressure and high concentrations of oxygen."

One new method is called high-frequency ventilation. "We've changed the philosophy of how we ventilate these babies," says Donn. "We take very, very small volumes of gas, much smaller than in conventional ventilation, and move it in and out of the lungs at incredibly high rates - anywhere from 400 to maybe 1,800 breaths per minute. In a way, we're getting these babies to pant like a puppy and what this does is reduce the amount of pressure the lungs are subjected to, which reduces the incidence of lung injury."

Another method - patient triggered ventilation - is something that has been used in pediatric and adult patients, but was previously not refined enough to allow its use in infants. The U-M Health System helped pioneer new advances in the technique that now enable it to be used on fragile infant lungs.

In the type of patient-triggered ventilation in use at U-M, the baby's body signals the ventilator to pro-

vide a breath to its lungs and then senses when the baby wants to stop that breath. This puts the baby in charge of its breathing, rather than a clinician, Donn says. "The baby decides when he wants to breathe, when he doesn't want to breathe, how long a breath should last, and the ventilator follows those cues."

Donn says there is a backup system in case the baby becomes fatigued or doesn't want to breathe. If this happens, the machine takes over and provides the amount of support necessary to maintain proper levels of oxygen in the baby's blood.

"By letting the baby control the ventilator, we've found we can reduce the amount of pressure required to ventilate the baby and we also don't have to use as many sedatives because the baby is now driving the ventilator rather than fighting it." He adds that the amount of time the baby is on the ventilator also has been reduced, as have the costs of caring for the infant.

Another new method of treating infant respiratory problems at the U-M is through the development of surfactant - a naturally occurring substance found in the lungs of healthy newborns, which reduces surface tension in the lung air sacs, thus making it easier for them to inflate and deflate.

"When a baby lacks surfactant, it's like trying to blow up a balloon

that hasn't been stretched or blown up before - it requires a tremendous amount of work," says Donn.

After extensive research, surfactant is now available in artificial and semi-artificial forms, and in a medication administered directly into the baby's breathing tube. "This allows the baby to decrease the amount of work needed to breathe, to help the baby inflate the air sacs," says Donn. "This drug has made an incredible improvement in both the survival and the complication rate for babies born extremely prematurely."

Donn says the new ventilation techniques and drug therapies have allowed for major breakthroughs in treating infants with lung problems.

"These developments have allowed us to extend survival to babies who five years ago might have survived but with significant lung damage, and who ten years ago would have died."

Donn says another important technique used at the U-M is the high premium placed on the human touch.

"We're concerned not only with the baby, but with the entire family and I think a really unique feature of our work is the blending of high tech and high touch. We involve the family in the baby's care and in decision making right from the beginning. We have a completely open visitation policy so parents can visit their child anytime. They participate in his or her care, they stroke the baby, talk to the baby. We think this is extremely important for the health of the baby and the whole family."

More information is available on the Internet at:

The U-M's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital web site - <http://www.ped.med.umich.edu/>

U-M neonatal-perinatal medicine (contact information) <http://www.ped.med.umich.edu/CLINICAL/neonatalperinatal.htm>

NMH offers new prostate cancer treatment

Norther Michigan Hospital recently became a designated Brachytherapy Center of Excellence for the treatment of prostate cancer. The hospital was the first in the area to offer this minimally invasive treatment for localized prostate cancer, which uses

small radioactive "seeds" implanted close to cancerous tissue to combat the potentially fatal disease.

The term brachytherapy means treatment at "short" range as opposed to long range treatment such as use of external beam radiation to shrink and eliminate tumors or cancerous tissue.

Placement of the radioactive units is done on an outpatient basis and is usually completed in two separate visits; one for initial evaluation and dosage calculation and the second for implant of the seeds. The procedure lasts about two hours and many patients are able to return to normal activity within a day or two.

Proseed Inc., part of C.R. Bard and maker of the technology worked closely with physicians and staff at Northern Michigan Hospital to successfully introduce the procedure which has been used in 24 male patients since its introduction

on July 17, 2000. NMH physicians are hopeful about the usefulness of the new procedure.

"Brachytherapy is a very useful alternative for the treatment of localized prostate cancer. The diminished number of side-effects coupled with the treatment's overall effectiveness at fighting prostate cancer make it particularly attractive. Patients are responding positively to the treatment," says Peter Armstrong, M.D., a radiation oncologist on staff at Northern Michigan Hospital.

The incidence of prostate cancer increases with age. Men over 65 account for 75 percent of all cases of prostate cancer. In 1999, some 179,300 men in the United States alone were diagnosed with the disease.

Other treatments for prostate cancer include surgery, cryosurgery (freezing), external beam radiation (EBR), and hormonal/drug therapy.

Diabetic feet need attention

People with diabetes often lose some feeling in their feet. A small problem like a blister, cut or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene, or even amputation. If you have diabetes, it's important to inspect your feet every day. If a problem persists, see your health care provider.

To keep your feet healthy, join the

American Diabetes Association for a free foot screening sponsored by Mercy Hospital Grayling Diabetes Education Department and Dr. Timothy St. John. The free screenings will teach participants how to conduct a self foot exam, as well as provide education about the importance of daily self-exams.

The American Diabetes Association Foot Screening is an annual "wake-up" call about the importance of diabetic foot care for people with diabetes, their families and health care team.

Free Foot Screenings will be offered at the Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville, on Wednesday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment for a free foot exam, or for more information call (517) 348-0455.

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KCC instructor earns metalworking certification

Leonard Miller, Instructor of manufacturing processes technology at Kirtland Community College has successfully completed certification testing in seven metalworking processes, through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). He also received a credential of special merit in Level I Machining.

NIMS is a nonprofit organization formed in 1995 to support the development of a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry in the United States. The institute assists metalworking industries in developing, writing and validating skill standards, which serve to define

benchmarks of training standards for educational and company training programs.

Area manufacturing firms have informed the College that there is a shortage of skilled workers in this region. Miller's goal for Kirtland is to provide training and education that will meet NIMS standards.

By implementing these standards in KCC's courses, a student may be tested and certified in one or more metalworking processes, and receive a credential that will indicate to an employer the type and level of skills the student has developed.

A NIMS credential is recognition

that an individual's competencies have been validated against a set of industry-written skill standards.

To receive certification, and applicant must meet performance standards and complete a knowledge skill examination. Taken as a whole, the credentialing modules define a career path within the metalworking industry and in many cases across metalworking processes. The credential is recognized by the industry in several states.

Interested employers and prospective students may contact Leonard Miller at Kirtland, 517-275-5000, Ext. 358.

U-M offers marketing help to state's small businesses

Design information and assistance for Michigan's small businesses is available free of charge from a new web site developed by the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design with funding from Ameritech.

"Design-in-Biz," at www.designinbiz.org, offers businesses help in developing and marketing a more profitable and cost-effective product or service. Michigan businesses can also become part of an online learning community with other small businesses, U-M design faculty, and design professionals to share expertise, tips, and strategies focused on small business needs.

"Good design can give small

business a powerful tool to optimize their operations, products and services. Our web site can be a first step for many small businesses to quickly learn how design can work for them," said Jack Williamson, director of the project.

The web site outlines basic steps in working with a designer and explains what a design is while offering case studies of various programs that have found success through design. Worksheets are available online to assess any current communication plans -- what has worked and what has not, and what message the business wants to send to its customers.

For additional information, visit

the web site at www.designinbiz.org or contact Jack Williamson at jhwil@umich.edu or the project manager Rhonda DeMasson at hesselt@umich.edu or Joanne Nesbit at (734) 647-4418.

Search for state Christmas tree is on

Acting Director Duane E. Berger announced last week that the Department of Management and Budget's search for the 2001 State Holiday Tree has begun. The State of Michigan and the Michigan Timbermen's Association are conducting the holiday tree search, a practice in its 15th year.

The search is open to any individual or organization. The tree must be a spruce, fir or Douglas fir; be at least 65 feet tall, have a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and trunk diameter of no more than 30 inches;

be reasonably close to roads so that trucks can transport it; and be available at no charge.

Anyone wishing to enter the holiday tree search should send information, including a contact name and telephone number, the location and specific information regarding the tree and, if possible, a photo of the tree, by August 15, 2001, to:

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United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ann Veneman announced on March 26 that \$47.5 million in grants are available to develop essential community facilities -- including schools, libraries, fire and rescue, public safety, hospitals, clinics, and multi-purpose community centers -- in rural areas experiencing severe unemployment and economic depression.

The community facilities grants are made available through

USDA's Rural Housing Service and earmarked for rural communities where the "not employed" rate is greater than 19.5 percent. Rural Development offers assistance to develop essential community facilities and services for public use in rural communities with populations of less than 20,000.

Authorized by the U.S. Congress, the special grant initiative is administered through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program.

Applications will be considered competitively, with communities having the lowest populations and lowest median incomes given selection priority. Other selection criteria include each project's economic feasibility and the program's goal of distributing program funds throughout all regions of the United States.

Selections will be made on a month to month basis.

Applications may be submitted at any time throughout FY 2001

until the funds are exhausted. Further information and help preparing an application are available at any USDA Rural Development office serving your community.

Information can also be obtained by visiting:

www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas.
USDA Rural Development offices are listed in telephone books under United States Government, Department of Agriculture.

New organization continues to fight for education reform

On February 22, the struggle to provide more options to parents for their children's education was joined by the launch of a new organization, "Choices for Children," which was announced by its chairman, Betsy DeVos.

"The parents and children of Michigan deserve the highest quality education possible," DeVos said. "Our growing coalition will be a forceful advocate for all of Michigan's children and will fight to ensure that no child is left behind."

Choices for Children is a non-profit, non-partisan watchdog and education reform think tank project that represents a board and growing

coalition of education reform leaders, to include: (in part) James Barrett, President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Robert Coverson, Pastor of Second Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Detroit; Sister Monica Kostielney, President of the Michigan Catholic Conference; Daniel Quisenberry, President of Michigan Association of Public School Academies; and Glen Walstra, Executive Director

of Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools.

"Choices for Children will be the leading voice for education reform in Michigan," said DeVos. "The battle to provide every child with a quality education continues. It did not end last year nor will it end this year. As long as there are kids who are forced to attend schools that fail them, we will be there fighting for their futures."

Bradstreet tapped for national committees

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet has been appointed by House Speaker Rick Johnson to represent Michigan at two national conferences.

He will serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Commerce and Communications Committee Assembly on Federal Issues, and on the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Health

Capacity Task Force, National Legislative Conference.

"I am honored to have been selected for this privilege," said Bradstreet, (R-Grayling). "As chair of the House Energy and Technology Committee, and a member on our health policy committee, I look forward to the opportunity of serving on these national committees."

"Meeting with people from around the country provides the chance to learn new ideas and innovations we may be able to use in Michigan."

The NCSL and CSG conferences gather legislators from throughout the country to discuss issues, while developing new strategies and

solutions to common problems.

The Gaylord lawmaker also is a member of national American Legislative Exchange Council where he serves on an E-government work group.

"Rep. Bradstreet has taken a leading role in our state government," said Johnson, R-LeRoy. "I am confident he will represent the Michigan House of Representatives well in these posts."

Funding available for household hazardous waste collection

Funding is available for household hazardous waste collection programs under the Clean Michigan Initiative, according to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Applications are due May 31. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Initiative provides funding to establish programs that will safely collect and dispose of potentially harmful products used in homes every day.

It focuses on providing assistance to communities whose residents are under-served by current collection programs. This is the second of two funding cycles for this initiative, with about \$500,000 available under each. Seven communities were awarded funds in the first cycle.

Applicants must be a local unit of government, or other public or nonprofit organization.

The grant program requires a 25 percent match in the total project costs.

For more information, contact the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division at (517) 335-5543 or 1-800-662-9278. Information also is available on the DEQ web site at:

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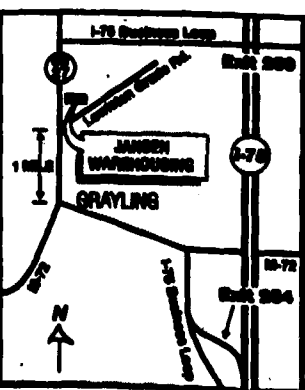
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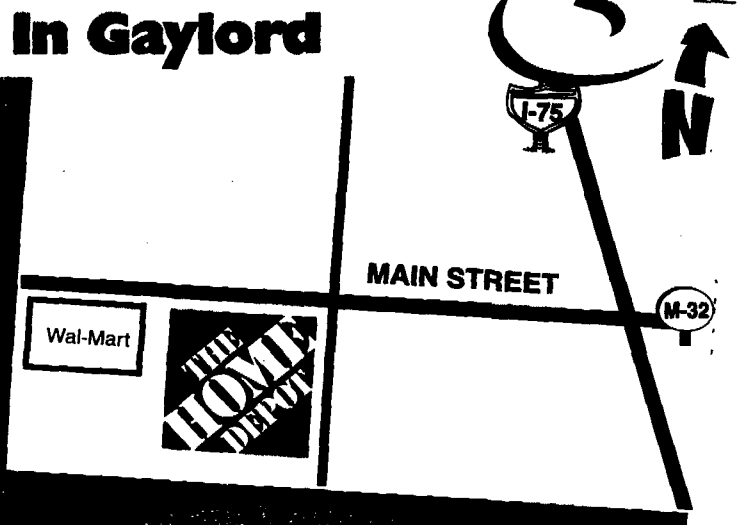
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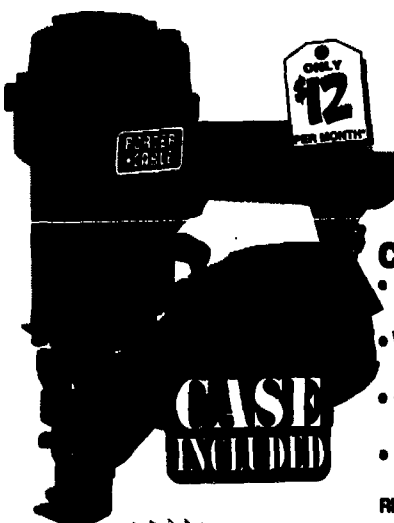
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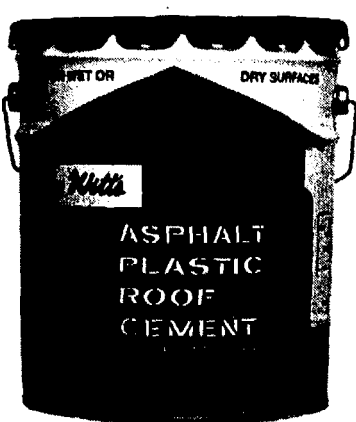
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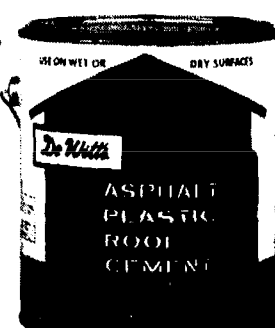
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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL BAND

GHS band qualifies for State

► Grayling High School Band earns straight 'I's' at District Festival

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Band received "I" ratings from all four judges at last month's District Band Festival in Elk Rapids, qual-

ifying the band for State Festival. "Good blend and balance," one District judge noted. "Thank you for a fine performance this morning. Your bands continue to excel due to the hard work and fine instruction of Mr. Ormsbee and the consistent hard work of individuals in the band."

The Grayling Band will perform at the State Festival in April in a recently-completed auditorium at Benzie Central.

"We're looking forward to performing in it since it's a brand new auditorium," said Grayling Band Director Dennis Ormsbee. "At State, all the bands received 'I's' at Districts, so we'll be playing with some really fine groups. At State, the level of expectation goes up."

The band will be playing only one of its three District selections at State. The group is currently working on two different selections to play at State.

"That keeps us a little on our toes," said Ormsbee.

The format for the State concert is the same as Districts: bands play three prepared selections and two sight-reading selections, and are graded by professional judges on each.

In addition to preparing for State, the band has one more concert toward the end of the school year, and then graduation.

"We have a lot of different per-

formances to get ready for," said Ormsbee.

"This is a really fine group. They work really well together, they're good team players. We have some really good leadership," said Ormsbee of this year's band. "It's a nice group to work with in my last year."

Ormsbee is retiring from his position at the end of the school year after 16 years at Grayling, and 29 years of teaching music.

Grayling Band Director to retire

► Dennis Ormsbee to retire at the end of the school year after 16 years in Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Dennis Ormsbee, Crawford AuSable School District's Band Director for 16 years, is retiring at the end of this school year.

"It's been some really good years here," said Ormsbee. "It's been a real pleasure to have worked for the Crawford AuSable School District. We've had some really fine students, hard-working students, which is a credit to themselves and a credit to their parents. We've had a very supportive parents group, and the school has been very supportive of the program."

When the school's band program needed an overhaul back in the mid-1980's, a committee was established to figure out how to successfully rebuild the program, Superintendent Kent Reynolds said. Part of what the committee came up with involved getting "the best band director we could find," said Reynolds.

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The Grayling High School Band

23 solo & ensemble events qualify for State

► 'A large group' from Grayling earns top scores at District event

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Twenty-three solo and ensemble events from Grayling High School's band qualified for State last month with straight "I" ratings at Districts in Harbor Springs. Twenty-three is "a large group" to have qualify for State, Band Director Dennis Ormsbee said.

The State Solo & Ensemble concert event was held at Ferris State University this past Saturday.

"It's quite an amazing thing to be able to play with the best musicians in the state," Ormsbee said of State Solo & Ensemble. "It's quite a memorable event."

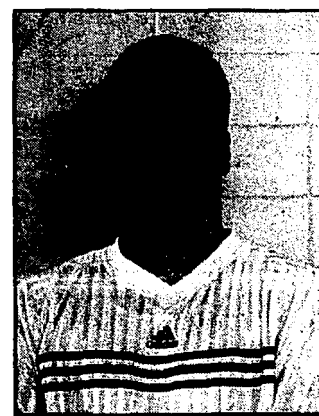
The events from Grayling that qualified for State Solo & Ensemble are as follows: Andi Holzbauer - bassoon solo; Apryl Rugenstein - French horn solo; Lexi Bondar - oboe solo; Ken Heinlein - tuba solo; Megan Fekete - marimba solo; Patti Martella - clarinet solo; Gwen Seifert - clarinet solo; Gina Rosi, Ashley Bancroft, Shannon Plutko - percussion ensemble; Seifert, Kip Franklin - clarinet duet;

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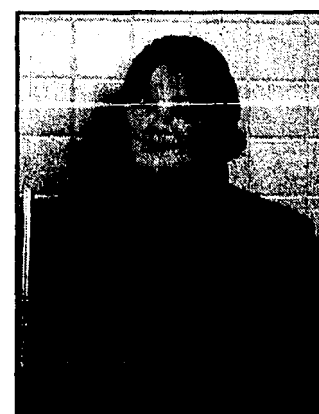
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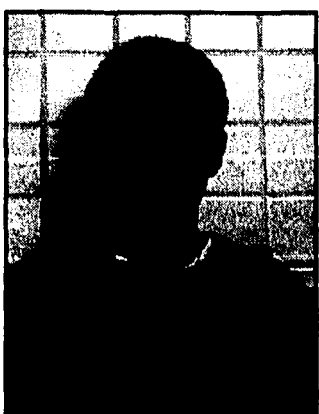
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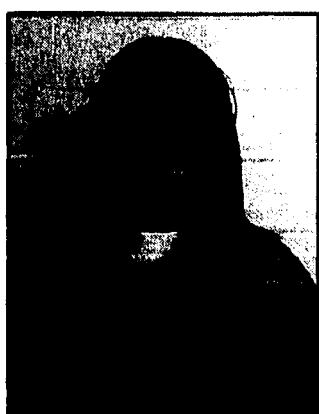
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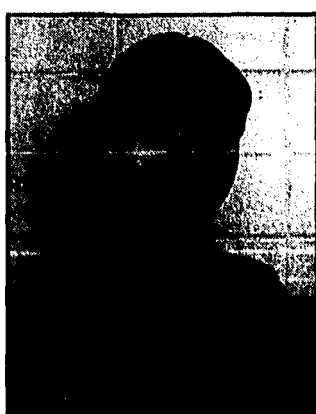
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Three GHS students named to WMU honors band

► Local musicians selected from hundreds to play in all-star ensemble

Grayling High School will be represented by three students in an all-Michigan high school band at a performance this Friday at Western Michigan University.

Ken Heinlein (tuba), Gwen Seifert (clarinet), and Todd Gaffke (alto saxophone) each earned a spot on the university's Eric Ewazen All-Star Band. Heinlein and Seifert were both selected as first chairs.

The all-star band will be conducted by guest composer Eric Ewazen and Robert Spradling, Director of Bands at Western Michigan University.

Over 200 talented young musicians from 65 Michigan high schools were nominated by their band directors for seats in the Eric Ewazen All-Star Band and the WMU All-Star Repertory Band. The ensembles are created each year as part of the annual Spring Conference on Wind and Percussion Music, hosted by WMU's School of Music.

Members of the 120-member Eric Ewazen All-Star Band, including the three representatives from GHS, will perform at WMU's James W. Miller Auditorium. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30. The public is welcome, admission is free.

THANK YOU!



We join the young people of this community in thanking all the citizens that supported the high school bond issue with a YES vote this past week. We especially want to thank all the people that encouraged friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to appear at the polls. Thanks to Kent Reynolds, Marilyn Rosi, and all the board members who gave us support and guidance. We appreciate the coaches and Band Booster volunteers who helped with calls. Your help made the campaign a success.

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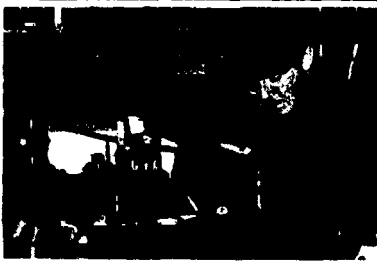
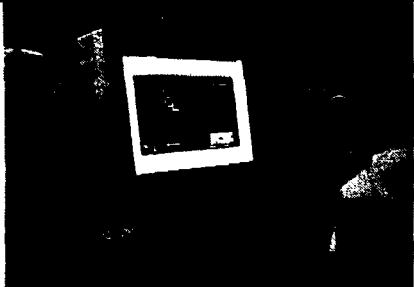


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Grayling Band Director to retire

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"In 1985, our instrumental music program really hit the bottom. We only had 20 to 24 students," said Reynolds.

A committee was established, and a task force made up of parents, Board of Education members, staff, and Superintendent Reynolds was formed to review the instrumental music program. The group came back with the thought, "we want to have a top-notch instrumental music program," said Reynolds.

"We said, 'We need to go out and find the best band director we can find. We found the best band director in northern Michigan, Dennis Ormsbee,'" said Reynolds. "We hired him. We asked him how long it would take to build the program, and he said five years. We said, 'Great, what do you need?'"

Reynolds said the Board put more money into the program, and it "hit the top in three years, because we have the best band director in northern Michigan. Since then, he's maintained that program, at the top."

"When our band goes to festivals to perform people stand up and take

notice, because of what Dennis Ormsbee has developed," Reynolds said. "It's a big loss. I'm happy for him on his retirement, but it's a loss for the district to lose all that experience."

Prior to being hired by Grayling, Ormsbee directed bands at Atlanta (Michigan) for 13 years. At the end of this school year, he will have 29 years in the business.

Ormsbee believes that the music program has helped students learn important themes such as "respect, work ethic, dedication, teamwork, organization of self -- all of that goes into making a successful person in whatever they do in life."

He believes heavily in the saying, "Music makes you smarter."

Ormsbee's three children all went through the Grayling band program during his tenure. His youngest son, Tim, a tuba major in college, graduated last year. This year, for the first time in many years, he did not have one of his children in band. Ormsbee's oldest son Chad, a 1992 GHS graduate, is a mechanical engineer, and his daughter Trish, a 1996 graduate, is a pharmacy student.

Ormsbee said he has no plans to leave the community. His wife works in Grayling at a local nursery school. Ormsbee is currently contemplating a few post-retirement part-time job offers, but he is not sure what he'll be doing yet.

"I can be choosy," he said.

Though he is leaving the band program, Ormsbee said he is excited about its future, especially with the recent voter approval of the bond issue, which will result in added band room space and significant improvements to the auditorium.

"I'm looking forward to after the bond issue our auditorium being upgraded to be on par with others," he said. "There's a lot of good years ahead."

Reynolds has announced that Ormsbee's replacement will be David Gott, currently the Assistant Band Director. The district is in the process of finding someone to fill Gott's position for next year. Several applications have already been received.

Both Ormsbee and Reynolds spoke highly of Gott, who has worked in the Grayling band pro-

gram with Ormsbee for the last several years.

"It's very fortunate that (Ormsbee) has been training his successor, David Gott, for the last four years. He's being trained by the best. He's seen what it takes to maintain a quality program," said Reynolds.

"The students are the ones to carry on traditions, and also carry on the reputation (of the band)," said Gott. "I'm looking forward to having that continue."

"We have a really good crop at the middle school," he added.

"Dennis has done a lot of good work," said Gott. "He has been wonderful to work with. He has a great amount of experience and a dynamic level of energy. When he came here a number of years ago, there was not a whole lot going in the band program, and he's done a lot of work to build it up. I'm happy for him on his retirement."

Ormsbee said he would be willing to offer some aid to the band program after his departure, if needed. "I won't be a pest, but if they want my help, I'll be available," he said.

23 solo & ensemble events qualify for State

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Nicole Hatley, Shannon Tedry, Alesha Wargo -- chamber winds; Holzbauer, Bondar -- bassoon duet; Wargo -- clarinet solo; Ann Hughes -- solo; Jenna Bugyi -- flute solo; Franklin, clarinet solo; Heinlein, Matt Thomas, Hughes, Rugenstein, Coleman Payne -- brass ensemble; Seifert, Franklin, Henning, clarinet

trio; Jennifer Hoag, Fekete -- percussion ensemble; Todd Gaffke -- alto saxophone solo; Hatley -- clarinet solo; Henning -- clarinet solo; Bondar, Henning, Holzbauer, Lisa Adkison, Rugenstein -- woodwind ensemble; Gail Hilliker -- bass clarinet solo.

Once band students reach their sophomore year, they are scored for

100 points in three areas at solo/ensemble competitions: solo (50), scales (25), and sight-reading (25).

Students earning at least 85 points receive a "I," and qualify to move up to the next proficiency the following year. There are three proficiencies: I (9 scales), II (18 scales), and III (27 scales).

At State Solo & Ensemble, events that score high enough can qualify for the Youth Arts Festival to be held this May at Western Michigan University.

The event gives qualifiers a chance to participate in an honors band directed by a college professor and the Michigan Director of the Year.

Kirtland Firebirds schedule awards banquet

A season-ending banquet to honor the Kirtland Community College Firebirds athletes is scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the student center cafeteria on Kirtland's campus.

The event is open to the public, with special invitations to family members of the athletes,

booster-club members, volunteers, sponsors, and KCC staff, faculty, and students.

The banquet program will be highlighted with awards and presentations and comments by Athletic Director and Head Firebirds Men's Basketball Coach Glen Donahue and Lady

Firebirds Coach Jim Parker.

Persons wishing to attend must RSVP Kathy Koch in the President's Office via ext. 253 no later than Friday, April 6, at noon. The cost of the meal is \$9 per person (all you can eat) and may be paid at the door.

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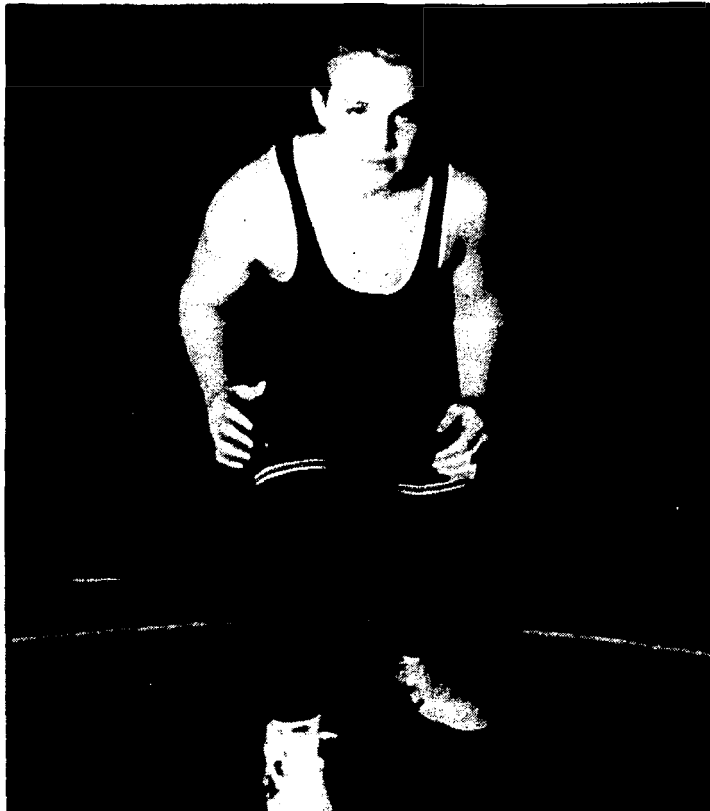
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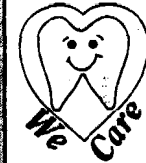
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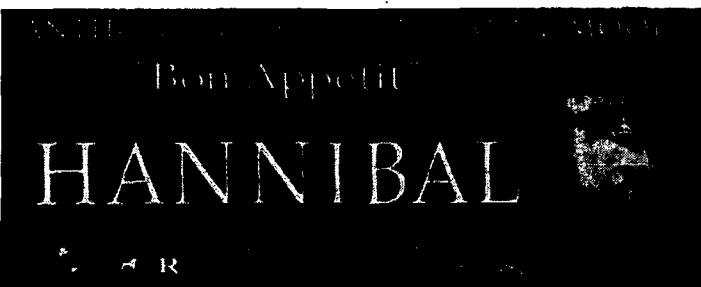
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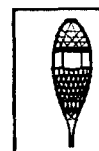
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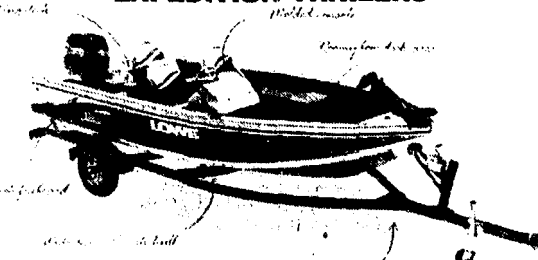
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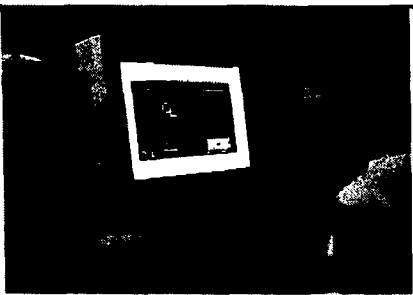


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"In 1985, our instrumental music program really hit the bottom. We only had 20 to 24 students," said Reynolds.

A committee was established, and a task force made up of parents, Board of Education members, staff, and Superintendent Reynolds was formed to review the instrumental music program. The group came back with the thought, "we want to have a top-notch instrumental music program," said Reynolds.

"We said, 'We need to go out and find the best band director we can find.' We found the best band director in northern Michigan, Dennis Ormsbee," said Reynolds. "We hired him. We asked him how long it would take to build the program, and he said five years. We said, 'Great, what do you need?'"

Reynolds said the Board put more money into the program, and it "hit the top in three years, because we have the best band director in northern Michigan. Since then, he's maintained that program, at the top."

"When our band goes to festivals to perform people stand up and take

notice, because of what Dennis Ormsbee has developed," Reynolds said. "It's a big loss. I'm happy for him on his retirement, but it's a loss for the district to lose all that experience."

Prior to being hired by Grayling, Ormsbee directed bands at Atlanta (Michigan) for 13 years. At the end of this school year, he will have 29 years in the business.

Ormsbee believes that the music program has helped students learn important themes such as "respect, work ethic, dedication, teamwork, organization of self - all of that goes into making a successful person in whatever they do in life."

He believes heavily in the saying, "Music makes you smarter."

Ormsbee's three children all went through the Grayling band program during his tenure. His youngest son, Tim, a tuba major in college, graduated last year. This year, for the first time in many years, he did not have one of his children in band. Ormsbee's oldest son Chad, a 1992 GHS graduate, is a mechanical engineer, and his daughter Trish, a 1996 graduate, is a pharmacy student.

Ormsbee said he has no plans to leave the community. His wife works in Grayling at a local nursery school. Ormsbee is currently contemplating a few post-retirement part-time job offers, but he is not sure what he'll be doing yet.

"I can be choosy," he said.

Though he is leaving the band program, Ormsbee said he is excited about its future, especially with the recent voter approval of the bond issue, which will result in added band room space and significant improvements to the auditorium.

"I'm looking forward to after the bond issue our auditorium being upgraded to be on par with others," he said. "There's a lot of good years ahead."

Reynolds has announced that Ormsbee's replacement will be David Gott, currently the Assistant Band Director. The district is in the process of finding someone to fill Gott's position for next year. Several applications have already been received.

Both Ormsbee and Reynolds spoke highly of Gott, who has worked in the Grayling band pro-

gram with Ormsbee for the last several years.

"It's very fortunate that (Ormsbee) has been training his successor, David Gott, for the last four years. He's being trained by the best. He's seen what it takes to maintain a quality program," said Reynolds.

"The students are the ones to carry on traditions, and also carry on the reputation (of the band)," said Gott. "I'm looking forward to having that continue."

"We have a really good crop at the middle school," he added.

"Dennis has done a lot of good work," said Gott. "He has been wonderful to work with. He has a great amount of experience and a dynamic level of energy. When he came here a number of years ago, there was not a whole lot going in the band program, and he's done a lot of work to build it up. I'm happy for him on his retirement."

Ormsbee said he would be willing to offer some aid to the band program after his departure, if needed. "I won't be a pest, but if they want my help, I'll be available," he said.

23 solo & ensemble events qualify for State

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Nicole Hatley, Shannon Tedry, Alesha Wargo - chamber winds; Holzbauer, Bondar - bassoon duet; Wargo - clarinet solo; Ann Hughes - solo; Jenna Bugyi - flute solo; Franklin, clarinet solo; Heinlein, Matt Thomas, Hughes, Rugenstein, Coleman Payne - brass ensemble; Seifert, Franklin, Henning, clarinet

trio; Jennifer Hoag, Fekete - percussion ensemble; Todd Gaffke - alto saxophone solo; Hatley - clarinet solo; Henning - clarinet solo; Bondar, Henning, Holzbauer, Lisa Adkison, Rugenstein - woodwind ensemble; Gail Hilliker - bass clarinet solo.

Once band students reach their sophomore year, they are scored for

100 points in three areas at solo/ensemble competitions: solo (50), scales (25), and sight-reading (25).

Students earning at least 85 points receive a "I," and qualify to move up to the next proficiency the following year. There are three proficiencies: I (9 scales), II (18 scales), and III (27 scales).

At State Solo & Ensemble, events that score high enough can qualify for the Youth Arts Festival to be held this May at Western Michigan University.

The event gives qualifiers a chance to participate in an honors band directed by a college professor and the Michigan Director of the Year.

Kirtland Firebirds schedule awards banquet

A season-ending banquet to honor the Kirtland Community College Firebirds athletes is scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the student center cafeteria on Kirtland's campus.

The event is open to the public, with special invitations to family members of the athletes,

booster-club members, volunteers, sponsors, and KCC staff, faculty, and students.

The banquet program will be highlighted with awards and presentations and comments by Athletic Director and Head Firebirds Men's Basketball Coach Glen Donahue and Lady

Firebirds Coach Jim Parker.

Persons wishing to attend must RSVP Kathy Koch in the President's Office via ext. 253 no later than Friday, April 6, at noon. The cost of the meal is \$9 per person (all you can eat) and may be paid at the door.

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Triangle

Barber Construction.....39 - 17
Moshier Auto Repair.....35 - 21
Bancroft Const.....33 - 23
G.G.S.....31 - 25
A-H Rental.....28.5 - 27.5
Moshier Refrigeration.....28 - 28
Gray Rock Cafe.....25.5 - 30.5
High Game: J. Hunt, 269,234; J. Arwood, 222; D. Canfield, 192.
High Series: J. Hunt, 697; J. Arwood, 567; D. Canfield, 565.

American Men's

McLeans ACE.....19 - 9
CSI Ind. Systems.....19 - 9
Sawmill Tavern.....18 - 10
Moore's Automotive.....14 - 14
Upper Lakes Tire.....14 - 14
Helsel Forest Products.....12 - 16
Fenton's Auto Service.....10 - 18
Forrest Brothers.....6 - 22
High Game: L. Davis, 259; T. Devins, 245; M. Smith, 233.
High Series: J. Helsel, 647; D. Canfield, 629; L. Davis, 618.

Recreation

Chicken Little.....36 - 16
Skyline.....28 - 24
Peterson Saw.....28 - 24
Scheer Motors.....27 - 25
Cornell.....25.5 - 26.5
Glens.....24 - 28
Mark 8.....22 - 30
Mickey Perez, C.P.A.....17.5 - 34.5
High Game: K. Moshier, 215; D. Lobsinger, 204; J. Hinds, 198.
High Series: K. Moshier, 576; J. Hinds, 554; D. Lobsinger, 525.

Pioneer

Aunt Betty's.....26.5 - 13.5
Chemical Bank.....26 - 14
Ginger's.....23 - 17
Millikins.....22 - 18
Custom Interior.....20 - 20
Lady Slippers.....16 - 24
Avalanche.....15 - 25

Lucky Strikers.....11.5 - 28.5
High Game: J. Yoder, 233; C. Jones, 197; J. Harwood, 194.
High Series: C. Jones and M. Miller, 553; L. Golnick, 531; J. Yoder, 530.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy.....64 - 44
Tees "N" Such.....62.5 - 45.5
Buccilli's Pizza.....62.5 - 45.5
Flowers By Josie.....58 - 50
Sylvesters Sports.....50 - 58
Cornell Insurance.....49.5 - 58.5
Halls Snow Removal.....45 - 63
Baynham Wood.....40.5 - 67.5
High Game Men: L. Crampton, 221; L. Major, 212; D. Germain, 211.
High Series Men: L. Crampton, 616; D. Germain, 585; G. Wolfe, 536.
High Game Women: M. Rysso, 179; R. Joyce, 170; S. Dykstra, 166.
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National First

Hart Pontiac-GMC.....14 - 7
Faustman's Insurance.....13 - 8
Forest Brothers.....12 - 9
N. Whitetail.....12 - 9
Swamp II.....11 - 10
Legion Lanes.....10 - 11
Hellebuyck Masonry.....9 - 12

Miller's Production.....3 - 18
High Game: T. Kotrash, 257; C. Hanson, 245; B. Zadorsky, 243.
High Series: T. Kotrash, 675; C. Brill, 649; B. Zadorsky, 620.

Sunday Nite Mixed

R & M Masonry.....57 - 27
Helsel Brothers.....53.5 - 30.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....49 - 35
Legion Lanes.....45.5 - 38.5
M.I.A.S.....43 - 41
Waste Management.....34 - 50
Billy's.....28 - 56
Custom Interior.....26 - 58
High Game Men: S. Miller, 229; J. Helsel, 227; B. Starks, 223.
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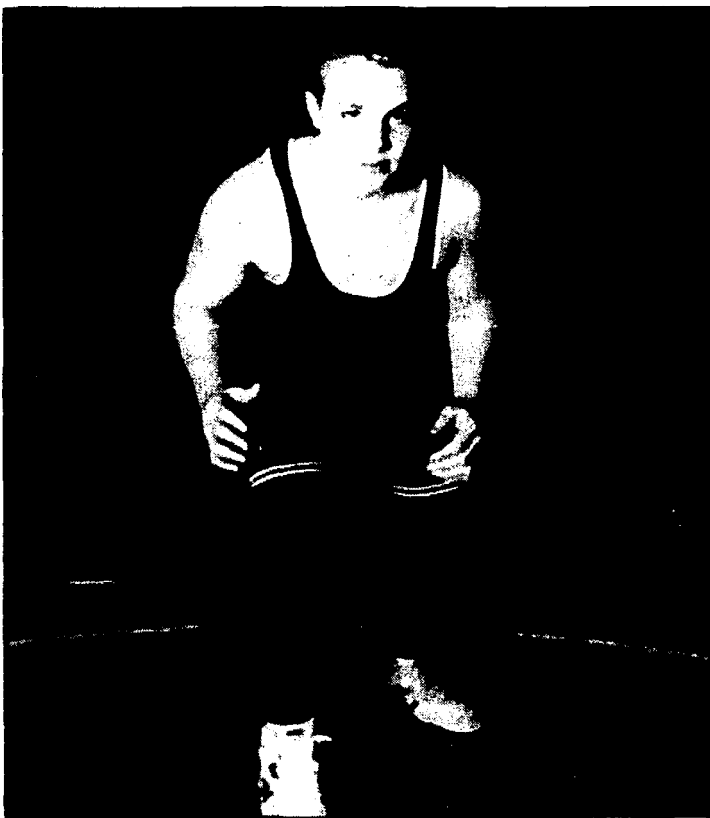
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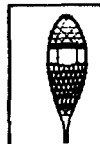
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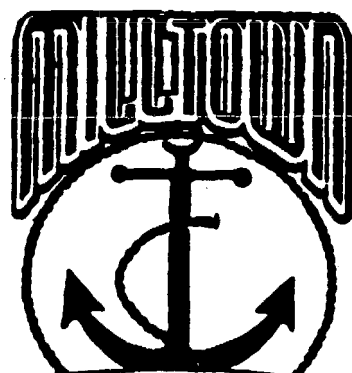


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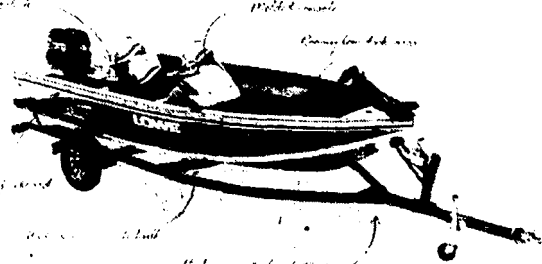
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Lynn Welch an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Sterling Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on February 9, 2000 in Liber 501, on Page 144, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Residential Mortgage Services of Texas, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on May 2, 2000, in Liber 507, on Page 93, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$29,749.96), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2, of Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 29, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200017365

-29-5-12-19-26

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting March 14, 2001

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright, Ruth O'Mara
Members absent: None
Others present: Nancy Lemmen, Susan Thiel, Ward Parker, Joe Porter, Paul Smith, Wayne Nelson, Dennis Long, Bob Smock
Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
1. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve minutes of February 14, 2001 as presented. All ayes motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for February 2001 was read and placed on file.

3. Correspondence and reports: Building Dept and Compactor.
4. Citizens who wish to speak: Joe Porter, Lake Margrethe resident, voiced concern over the proposed tree cutting in the Hanson Game Refuge on both sides of W.M-72 Hwy between AuSable Trail and Danish Landing Rd.

Susan Thiel, MDNR, explained the area also includes portions of M-93 going towards Camp Grayling. A public hearing has been scheduled for April 2, 2001 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall to explain the cutting plan and receive and review public comment.

Notice will be published in the C.C. Avalanche.
5. Board members of the Animal Shelter for Crawford County (ASCC) presented an update on progress since the new year at the current shelter and financial projections for 2001. These projections anticipate a deficit the end of 2001 even with the use of \$11,000 in reserve.

The ASCC is requesting consideration of a \$20,000 contribution by the Township for operational expenses. The request is based on statistics that 40-60% of animals going through the shelter originate from Grayling Township. Consensus of the Board that Supervisor attempt to fit an animal shelter contribution into the 2001-02 budget without affecting reserves in case this is not a one-time request.

6. Grayling Fish Hatchery Club representative, Bob Smock, Jr., proposed a summer environmental clean-up youth employment project funded by an anonymous benefactor. The Fish Hatchery Club is requesting that Grayling Township administer the financial aspects of the project and absorb the insurance costs. Consensus of the Board that the clerk and supervisor meet with insurance agent and auditor to avoid potential problems of administering such a program prior to its inception.

7. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to adopt the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code as Grayling Township's Fire Prevention Code. Ayes: five, Nays: none. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to recommend Terry R. Wright, and Lynn Porritt-McConnell as Grayling Township's appointees to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of Crawford County. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve split of lots 23 and 24 of Green Tree Acres Sub. per M.E. Myers survey dated 10/3/2000. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to approve April seminars for clerk and

supervisor: MEDC (Wright) and MMCI master class for Ashton. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to appoint the following Grayling Township residents to the 2001-2005 Salary Advisory Committee: Paul Lerg, Barbara Hinderleider, Earl Ritter, Mary Davis, Diane Murphy. All ayes, motion carried.

12. In response to a request from a few property owners for a Lake Margrethe Road End Ordinance, the townships determined that a complete survey of the lake would be required. Such survey is cost prohibitive at this time.

13. Board recommends establishment of a Safety Committee to investigate options available for 24 hour road patrol in the township as well as other safety issues.

14. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to authorize up to \$3500 toward a Housing Needs Assessment for the township. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 22409-22426, 22451, 22474-22501, Guardian Dental \$594.89, Board & Comm. fees \$140.00, for a grand total of \$52,984.43. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL W. MCNAMAR AND KIM A. MCNAMAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to EMERGENCY MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA HOME GOLD, A SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated September 24, 1997, and recorded on October 3, 1997 in Liber 439, Page 94, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF EMERGENCY HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE, SERIES 1997-03 by an assignment recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 454 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty four thousand two hundred five and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,205.00), including interest at 12.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 4, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof 424.5 feet for the point of beginning, thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on said line, 232.3 feet; thence 80 degrees 35 minutes West 168 feet to center or roadway; thence North 82 degrees 47 minutes West along same, 234 feet, thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes East, 137.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 1, 2001
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701
FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED Assignee of Mortgage

-1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mitzi L. Riggs (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1998, and recorded on January 20, 1999 in Liber 472, on page 342, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Assignee by an assignment dated November 18, 1998, which was recorded on April 8, 1999, in Liber 478, on Page 334, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 66/100 dollars (\$48,582.66), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County

Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 6, of Merrea's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 1, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200022159

-1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert E. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403, on Page 201, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR AND 31/100 dollars (\$50,074.31), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 15, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200113993

-15-22-29-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO: 005268-CH

Wava Carberry,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and The Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines, husband and wife and The Estate of Thelma Martines.

Defendants.

Monte J. Burmeister P48732

The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC

306 State St., P.O. Box 585

Grayling, MI 49738

PH: 517-348-7114

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 21 day of February, 2001.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

BASED UPON the filing and reading of Plaintiff's Motion for Substituted Service of the Complaint as to the Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martines, and this Court being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED THAT this order be published in the a newspaper in Crawford County once each week for three consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ESTATE OF GERALD CARBERRY and EDITH CARBERRY and THE ESTATE OF EDITH CARBERRY, MANUEL R. MARTINES and THELMA MARTINES, husband and wife and THE ESTATE OF THELMA MARTINES and MANUEL MARTINES:

1. You are being sued within the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. The names of the parties are: Plaintiffs, Wava Carberry, and Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martines;

3. These proceedings are a quiet title action seeking to quiet title to a certain real property, being located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan and which is legally recorded in the Crawford County Register of Deeds as Liber 66 page 459, in favor of Plaintiff.

4. That an answer needs to be filed/taken

within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rule must be taken.

5. That a failure to answer or to take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martines, and the Heirs and Descendants of Gerald Carberry, Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines.

6. Names of some of the Defendants are unknown in the sense that the action is against the Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martines and Thelma Martines, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martines and there are heirs, devisees, or assignees of the Estate unknown to the Plaintiff.

Dated: 2-21-01
HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICK V. CORBIN AND DEBORAH K. CORBIN, F/K/A DEBORAH K. LOVE, HUSBAND AND WIFE to KONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 466, Page 43 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA, 1998-4, AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty two thousand three hundred thirty six and 75/100 Dollars (\$42,336.75), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOTS 229 AND 230, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 02 OF PLATS, PAGE 27, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 15, 2001
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701

MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA

Assignee of Mortgage

-15-22-29-5-12

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No. 01-6243-DE STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court of the County of Crawford

Estate of ORRIS HULETT, Deceased.

Social Security No.: 380-18-9648.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or

affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ORRIS HULETT, who lived at 2012 Danish Landing, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, died September 15, 2000.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NATIONAL CITY BANK of M/I/L, Sandra L. Pearce, Vice President, named personal representative or to both the probate court at Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, and the named personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: MARCH 19, 2001

William R. Look, Atty.

P 18563

2241 Oak Street

Wyandotte, MI 48192

734-285-6500

National City Bank of M/I/L

Attn: Sandra L. Pearce

1001 South Worth

Birmingham, MI 48009-6943

Personal Representative

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 01-6249-DE

Estate of Kenneth W. Rohde, Deceased

Date of Birth: 10/2/39

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,

Kenneth E. Rohde, who lived at 4391 West

M-72, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan died February 19, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dale E. Rohde, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 3-22-01

David R. Sabin P19822

115 Mich Ave, Grayling, MI 49738

517-348-5588

Dale E. Rohde

2887 Margrethe Blvd, Grayling, MI 49738

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

March 12, 2001

Meeting

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 17 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meetings. Seconded and carried.

Guest Speakers Joe Duran and Larry Allwardt (DNR) were present to explain the "Firewise" grant, a Crawford County pilot program for fire prevention.

Reports given by the Treasurer and Planning.

Eight pieces of correspondence were accepted.

7:30 Hearing

Billman Road Special Assessment District

Proceedings

The purpose of the hearing was the consideration of the paving plans for the Billman Road Special Assessment District, the estimate of costs for the project, the Special Assessment District proposed to be created for the recovery of such costs and the Petitions for the same. The Supervisor invited public comment and 7 residents from Billman Road were present and all were in favor of the paving project. After everyone present had been given the opportunity to be heard and the Board had fully considered the same and all comments made in connection therewith, a Resolution was offered by Mobarak and seconded by Balmes to proceed with said project Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion passed.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Little to accept a second Resolution scheduling the Hearing on the Assessment Roll for Billman Road on April 9, 2001 at 7:30 PM during our regular monthly meeting.

Old Business:

Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Resolution of Adoption to Appropriate Local Match for MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes to appoint Riley to the Brownsfield Authority. Seconded and carried. Motion by Balmes to appoint Rich Rayback as an alternate to said committee. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by Balmes to pay the AP bills. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman

Clerk

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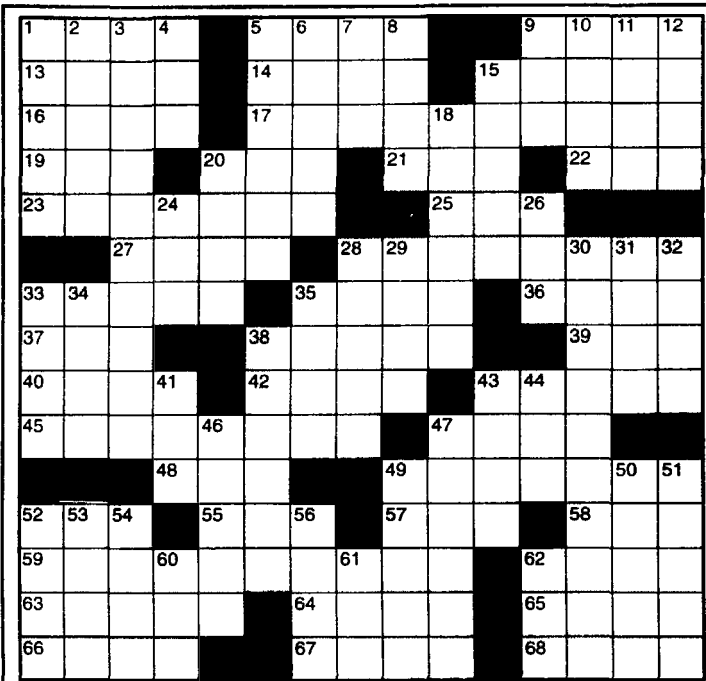
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy A. Chouinard s/k/a Tracy A. Renaud, a married woman and Benedict E. Chouinard her husband (original mortgagors) to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1999, and recorded on May 28, 1999 in Liber 482, on Page 379, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Bank One National Association, as trustee f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee in Trust for the registered holders of Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2 c/o Delta Funding Corporation, as Servicing Agent, Assignee by an assignment dated May 1, 2000

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8	PARCEL 2: BEING PART OF E 4 AC			8	375 W 429.19 FT TH 589 DEG 30M			8	PARCEL 1 PART OF SW/4 OF NW/4			8	COMM AT NE COR OF SE/4 OF NE/4		
9	OF N 120F 8W 1/4 OF SEC 10 T25N			9	358 E 375.08 FT TO POB 2.86 ACRES			9	SEC 31 T27N R4W COMM AT SE COR			9	OF SW/4 OF NW/4 OF SEC 31 TH S		
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- Exaggerated
- Part
- Quick cut
- Attempt
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- Bindle stiff
- Wasp waist maker
- Bio. or chem.
- Sidewalk, for one
- Refrain sound
- Lovers' meeting
- Remained unsettled
- Post Lizette Woodworth ____
- Okapi's kin
- Monica of tennis
- Does sums
- Model Crawford's ex-husband
- The ____ Office
- Space org.
- Meany's gp.
- Knock lightly
- "Where id was, there shall ____ be" (Freud)

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 30, 1978

A mini State Police Post was open and operational on March 27, 1978 in Kalkaska County. One Sergeant and six troopers are assigned to provide a full range of services in a basically rural area.

Dial-A-Ride received a raise in grant money from the State of Michigan from 1/3 to about 1/2 of the amount of the programs operating expenses; this increase reflects the growing popularity and need for public transportation in this area.

On March 21, Crawford County Prosecutor Thomas E. Kent, was absolved of any wrongdoing as a partner in Star Enterprises, the Gladwin-based company who had gained a contract from the State to construct a new Social Services Building West of Grayling at Eagle Point Road. The county is now looking for a new spot for the Social Services Building.

Tom Brogger was named Country Club Manager at the Grayling Country Club by President Preston Slack. The course is scheduled to open as a 9-hole spread laid out over approximately 3,000 yards on April 7th.

The Military Board in Lansing voted 2-1 to reject a proposal of Hanson Park Recreation Authority to feature a summer-long series of concerts at the park this year. Groups such as "Chicago" were

possibilities of performers; 25% of the profit would go to the Park project. The reason for the rejection is that this nature would represent a "private business for profit," something the State frowns upon in view of all the recent controversy over property rights at the Park.

46 Years Ago March 31, 1955

Mrs. June Taylor, Mr. Wesley Kumpula and Mr. Basil Smith of Kalkaska, the "Three Notes" played for a high school dance in Rapid City last Friday night.

Mayor A. L. Roberts is attending the No. 1 District Health meeting at Lake City today. The meeting is for the purpose of obtaining a successor to Dr. Merritt, who recently succumbed.

The employees of the A & P Store entertained at a dinner party at the home of Miss Bessie Feldhauser in Maple Forest on Saturday night, honoring Manager Joe Nemecek, who is leaving next week for the Soo, where he will be manager of the Company store there. A gift was presented to Joe from the group.

69 Years Ago March 31, 1932

James W. Sorenson, senior member of the firm of Sorenson Brothers, and one of Grayling's best known and most estimable businessmen and citizens, passed away



Junior Deputy Program

DNR officers Roger Salminen and Barry Bartelli were the guest speakers for the fourth grade Junior Deputy program on Thursday afternoon, March 23 1978. They told the duties of the DNR officers, how they helped people, and went over some of the laws that they enforce and why they do. The students enjoyed the program and asked many questions. Pictured w/officer Salminen and Bartelli are fourth graders Kim Cole, Piper Oswowski, Pam Weaver, and Tommy Gillette.

at his home Tuesday morning after a lingering illness.

Old Master coffee, 35 cents a pound package of tea, green or black, with each pound, Friday and Saturday, Connine's Grocery.

The writer dropped in to see the new Buick 8 at the Schoonover Buick Sales and Service Station yesterday and it certainly is a revelation. It is, apparently, in a class by itself in regard to modern improvements. Of course it has free wheeling, but an improvement over earlier types of free wheeling cars. Gears may be shifted without shoving in the clutch and it seems that there are a hundred other features that are new and wonderful. And the price is only \$995. Jess promised to take us for a ride in it

sometime when there isn't so much mud in the streets.

92 Years Ago April 1, 1909

The Democratic township committee for the ensuing year elected at their caucus Monday evening is W. Jorgenson, C.O. McCullough and Hans Mickelson.

There is a report current that the Ward fruit farm in Frederic is to be cut up in 40 and 80 acre farms, and put on the market for small farms at once. It comprises nearly 2,000 acres of fine agricultural land, mostly all set to apple trees from three to seven years old, and nearly all seeded to Clover and Timothy.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

6 large eggs
1/3 cup chopped drained Stuffed manzanilla Olives
2 tbsp light mayonnaise
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
Paprika (optional)

Cook eggs in barely simmering water to cover until hard boiled, about 11 minutes. Drain; let stand in a pan of cold water until no longer warm. (Eggs may be prepared and refrigerated up to two days before serving.)

Peel eggs; cut in half length wise. Carefully remove the

yolks, keeping white intact. Crumble yolks into a bowl; add olives, mayonnaise, mustard and pepper sauce; mix well. Spoon mixture into egg whites. Arrange on a serving platter; sprinkle with paprika if desired.

Makes 12 Servings

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 2 thru April 8

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

Expressing yourself will come readily and easily for you this week. This facility in communicating doesn't happen as often as it probably should, offering the opportunity to speak both your heart and mind. If you find yourself feeling more energy than you know what to do with, try expending some of this by being active before you speak. This will give you the added advantage of a more calm and relaxed approach. Be sure that you take the time to really listen, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Chances are you like to keep busy. However, if you recognize that you would rather do anything than face your own emotions, trouble can arise. Denying your feelings can lead to health problems, greater risk of addiction, and depression. This week on, increase in the likelihood of falling into such escapist behaviors, and you'll need to exercise self-control more than ever. You are resourceful, and your innate creative talents can also serve you as well as a means of expression and coping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

When it comes to taking charge on the work front, the first part of this new week brings you a helping hand. Gemini personalities prefer the background, a very strong leadership ability beats in your heart. When it comes right down to it, you are apt to think more clearly and recognize options more quickly than many others. You can expect that you will be far more prepared to step up and take this role. And why not? You are certain to bring creativity and sound reasoning to any situation, and your charm will win others over to rally behind you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Not only will you find you have the opportunity to feel cheerful, optimistic, and social this week, you'll be far more likely to express exactly how you feel. This can work very well for you, as getting to the heart of the matter can often elude a Cancer. Whenever you get the moment to play a little, why not seize it? This is sure to do your heart a world of good, especially if you look over the last few weeks, and see that you haven't had much laughter in your life. You can make some real progress in saying what you really need to see happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You can expect to be acutely aware of your emotions. In fact, you may find it very difficult at times to keep things under control. But then, chances are this isn't anything new for you. Combined with your drive to be the one in control and often in the limelight, exercising self-discipline will be essential for you in order to get along with others. It can be more important to you to be respected and recognized than anything else. Avoid seeking recognition in situations you know to be troublesome. Look for other ways to feel cared for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

You can expect high energy mixed with intense emotion. You'll notice an increase in your energy and willingness to work hard. You're not likely to want to be idle. Your temper, patience levels, and tolerance can all be taxed to the limit much more early. You may need to take a few more breaks than usual, especially if you're working with others. Try counting to twenty if ten doesn't cut it. As a Virgo, you can be quite critical and harsh, and you may just alienate people before you realize it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

You are gifted with judicial and logical mind and have an uncanny way of seeing things from all angles. No doubt, you are often called by family, friends, and colleagues to help resolve challenges and conflict. However, if the truth be told, you are better at handling others' difficulties than your own, and this can make life difficult at times. It's vital that you learn how to care for yourself, and offer the same skills within as without. You are sure to find added strength this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

Maintaining your confidence and trusting in your own skills may prove a little challenging at the start of this week. You are far more likely to be drawn to relationships and situations that are chaotic, despite your better judgement. Even if you simply have to deal with them, preventing yourself from becoming emotionally hooked is the key to managing this particular aspect. If conflict does arise, it won't last long, and you will find yourself back on track. Get organized, and tackle the things that need to be done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Taking a back seat is not usually the mode for a Sagittarian. The combination of your high energy and innate leadership ability insists on you taking a prominent role most of the time. Denying this or being forced to remain in the background can quickly lead to frustration and sadness. Take action to do what you do best. Your creativity and skill will naturally bring a following. Watch your temper and be sure to exercise patience and respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

This week ahead brings you plenty of opportunity to lighten up and enjoy yourself. As a Capricorn, you are most often found ending to business and getting things done. While your sense of devotion to your responsibilities steers you to earn a good living and pay your bills, this same dedication can also be directed into enjoying the company of those you love most. Take advantage of this by putting your work, troubles, duties, and chores aside, if only for just one day. Go out and have some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You may find yourself leaning more toward the spiritual side this week. While things seen and heard can present the truth, your intuition is strong and will see what is not obvious. Find ways to keep yourself grounded, such as meditation or physical activity. Be sure to keep and use a journal, as well. This tried and true method can help you connect with all parts of yourself. Consider making it a goal to bring these two qualities into harmony.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

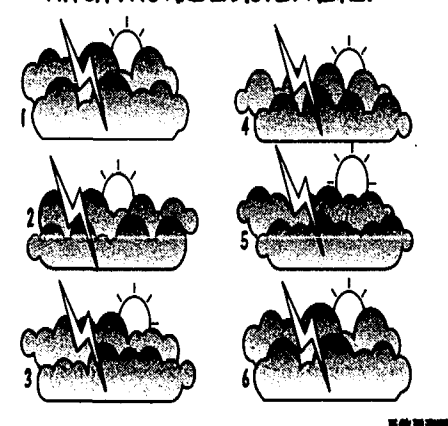
Be sure to apply your energy toward creative endeavors this week. Your emotions will be very intense, and you'll have enough physical energy to swim the English Channel. Without finding adequate means of release, you can easily become caught up in your feelings. Restlessness, trouble sleeping, agitation and moodiness are a few of the symptoms you can expect to experience. Be physically active every chance you get. There's nothing like a good workout to bring a calm state. Keep as busy as you can, but be sure to take a break when you need to.

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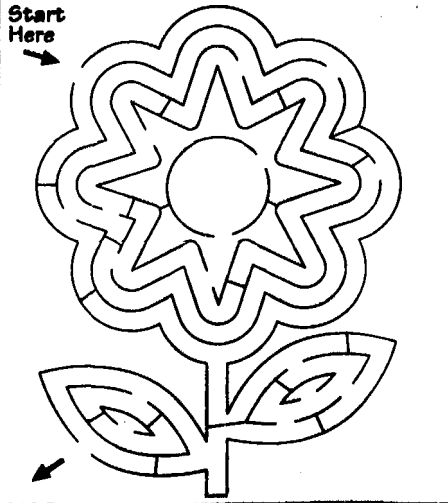


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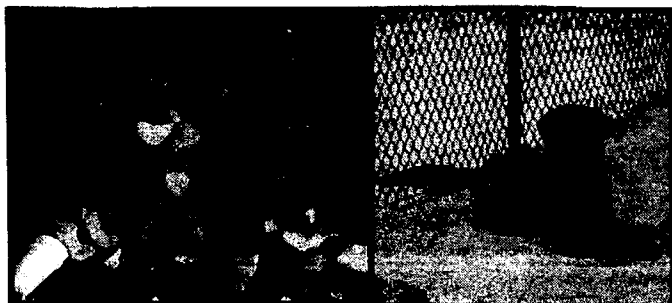
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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Adopt a Pet



To the left are a cute little bunch of 2-4 month old Shepard Mix pups. On the right is Tess, she is an adult female Shepard Mix. Both are wonderful animals, and waiting for someone to take them home. Please don't hesitate to contact the Animal Shelter for more information!

ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

Although there have been adoptions lately, as of March 23, there were still nearly 60 dogs and puppies at the shelter -- way over recommended capacity. If you have been considering acquiring a pet, now is the time. There are big dogs, small dogs, young dogs and old dogs waiting to be adopted.

If your dog or cat is missing or has run away, call the Animal Shelter. Putting identification and/or license tags on your pet will help it find its way home. If your pet turns up at the shelter, you will be called right away. In the meantime, it will be fed, watered and cared for.

New volunteers are always welcome at the shelter to perform such tasks as walking dogs, and cleaning kennels, cages and yards. Call to volunteer.

The ASCC is a private, non-profit corporation that relies heavily on donations. If you would like to donate, please make your check or money order payable to Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Indicate if your donation is for Operations (daily expenses) or Project Fund (a new shelter) and send it to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Animal Shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East), between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. Phone number 348-4117.

The April meeting of the Animal Shelter Board of Directors has been changed to Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.



WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow
3/20	48	16	
3/21	50	21	
3/22	51	20	
3/23	51	24	
3/24	43	19	1"
3/25	23	6	1"
3/26	20	2	2"

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Partly Cloudy, High 39, Low 23.

Thursday- Rain and Snow, High 43, Low 27.

Friday- Mostly Cloudy, High 45, Low 28.

Saturday- Mostly Cloudy, High 46, Low 27.

Sunday- Showers, High 46, Low 28.

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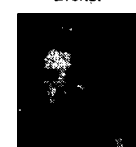
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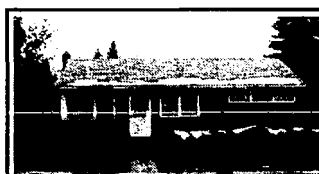
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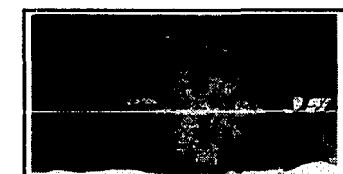
NICE CORNER DOUBLE LOT in the city is the location for this 3 bedroom home. Amenities include full basement, Natural Gas Forced Air heat, 2 car garage, and city amenities. MLS#4504 \$57,900



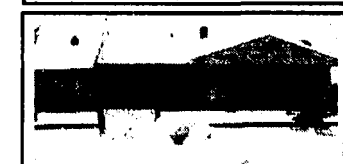
INCOME POTENTIAL ON BUSY I-75 BUSINESS LOOP Great location on major highway close to town. Previous home business plus a 4 unit motel could be restored to earning potential. Many income possibilities! MLS#3902 \$69,900



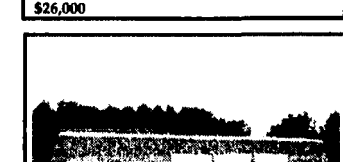
UNIQUE RIVER PROPERTY/CABIN has 390' frontage on the North Branch of the Ausable River, 6.4 acres, adjacent to state land. Beautiful setting! MLS#10406 \$125,900



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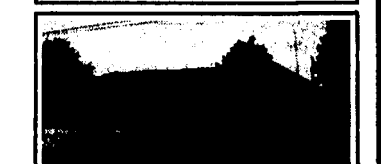
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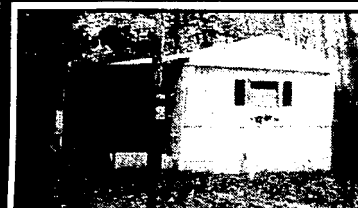
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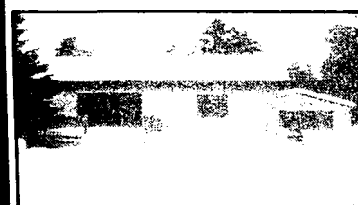
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RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN Kalkaska Memorial Health Center's Radiology Dept. has an opening for a registered Radiology Technician. Full or part-time position available with rotating shifts. If interested please fill out an application or send resume to Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, Attn: Human Resources, 419 S. Coral Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646. (-22-29-5/12/3)

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THE CLASS OF '81 is having its 20 year reunion on August 4. We are looking for current addresses of all classmates. Please call 517-348-2885 or send to P.O. Box 31, Grayling, MI 49738 E-mail addresses are also welcome. (-29/8)

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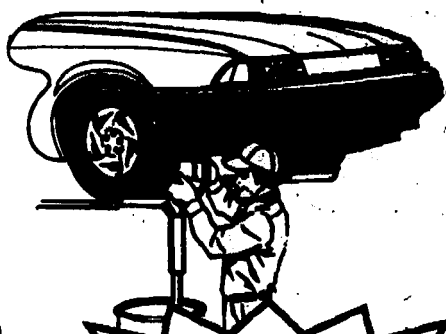
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Focus On Freshwater

Q. What is the difference between lake-effect and lake-enhanced snow?

A. In simplest terms, the difference is that lake-enhances snow happens during a storm, while lake-effect snow generally happens after a storm has passed through.

Large bodies of water such as Lake Superior form the foundation for both weather events, along with low-pressure systems, wind and temperature. Low-pressure systems bring the storm initially, and characteristics of low-pressure systems determine the snow outcome for either event. Low-pressure systems move in a circular counter-clockwise motion. At the beginning of a storm the winds will be from the south, progressing to the east, on to the north, and then finally to the west.

Lake-effect snow happens after the storm has passed. Following a low-pressure system nearly always is a set of colder westerly winds. In areas like the Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan, these westerly winds may have traveled over as much as a 100 miles of open water over Lake Superior. Once again the warmer air coming off the lake, hits cooler air on the land and as the air from the lake cools down it deposits the moisture it can no longer hold on the Keweenaw Peninsula, which is famous for its large snowfalls. The average snowfall there totals about 187 inches per winter, and the all time record is about 390 inches in the winter of 1978-79.

For more information on freshwater-related topics, visit **Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, Minn.**, or check out the website at www.glaquarium.org

Selective Services makes reporting change of address easier -- online

The Selective Services System has added a change of address page to its web site that will allow young men to update their registration information on-line. Federal law requires that young men, ages 18 through 25, notify Selective Service within 10 days of a address change. The addition of the new web page will make fulfillment of this legal requirement easier and more convenient.

"This initiative corresponds to the Agency's vision of increased customer service," said the Honorable Gil Coronado, Director of Selective

Services, who first initiated on-line registration on Dec. 2, 1998. "For two decades, men could only go to the post office to obtain a Selective Service Change of Address Form; this new web page will make the process more convenient for men who have Internet access." It is also expected to reduce the Agency's printing and processing costs, while saving young men the cost of first class postage to mail the change of address form.

Any man who is registered and was born after 1959 can update his address information by connecting

to the Selective Service web site at www.sss.gov. He clicks on a link to the "change of address" page, types his new information, clicks the submit button, and he is done. He can also check a box if he wants to receive an updated acknowledgment card by conventional mail.

Federal law requires virtually all men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. Each year, about 1.8 million men turn 18. All U.S. male citizens, no matter where they reside, as well as male noncitizens residing in the U.S., are required to register. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register once he reaches age 26. Failure to register is a felony.

Moreover, Selective Service registration is linked to many benefits such as eligibility for federal student loans and grants, training programs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), federal jobs in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, and jobs with the U.S. Postal Service.

More than half of the states have enacted legislation that links benefits such as state tuition assistance and eligibility for state jobs to registration. Additionally, male immigrants who are in the U.S. when they are 18 through 25 years old may be denied U.S. citizenship if they fail to register.

Although the U.S. relies on an all-volunteer military today, the Selective Service System and the registration program help America remain prepared to reinstate a timely and fair draft in a future crisis, should a draft become necessary.

Daylight Savings Time is coming!
Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour Sunday, April 1 at 2 a.m.

Coast Guard looking for summer AIM candidates

The United States Coast Guard, via the Coast Guard Auxiliary, is looking for candidates to attend the summer Academy Introduction Mission program, otherwise known as AIM. It is a week long program for high school juniors held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in July. It provides an opportunity for prospective Academy applicants to experience life as a Coast Guard Academy cadet.

The Coast Guard Academy is one of the four U.S. service academies, the smallest of the group with approximately 900 cadets. After four years, one graduates with a Bachelor's of Science degree in one of several majors including engineering, government, operations research, management, and marine/environmental science, and with a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Qualified applicants must be in the top 25% of their high school class, be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 17 - 22, and unmarried with no dependents. Applicants will be considered using ACT or SAT stan-

dardized test scores, class rank, and an interview with Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel.

Anyone interested in more information applying for the AIM program for summer 2001, for information on the Coast Guard Academy, or for active duty or reserve enlistment in the Coast Guard, please contact Don/Sue Warren, Coast Guard Auxiliary at (517) 821-9553. Information can also be obtained via the Internet at:

- [www.cga.edu\(Academy\)](http://www.cga.edu(Academy))
- [www.uscg.mil\(Coast Guard\)](http://www.uscg.mil(Coast Guard))
- [www.cgaux.org\(Coast Guard Auxiliary\)](http://www.cgaux.org(Coast Guard Auxiliary))

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer support group assisting the U.S. Coast Guard with patrolling the waters, marine events, boating safety, public education, environmental issues. It is a national organization broken down into local groups called Flotillas.

For more information about joining an Auxiliary group in your area, contact Don/Sue Warren at (517) 821-9553 or Frank Homola at (517) 275-8147.

2001 Spring Tree Fundraiser Sale

Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District
606 Lake Street, P.O. Box 156
Roscommon, MI 48653 (517)275-5231

Name _____ Phone() _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tree pick-up: Friday, April 27th Noon-4pm
Sat., April 28th 9am-1pm

Roscommon County Fairgrounds, 290 Ballanger Rd, Roscommon

Order early: availability of some species is limited

Conifers	Size	25	50	100	250	500	QTY	Price
Seedlings								
CEDAR: Red	8-16"	\$20	\$35	\$61	\$131	X		
FIR: Douglas	10-16"	\$8	\$14	\$25	\$53	X		
PINE: Jack	16-12"	\$5	\$10	\$17	\$36	\$59		
	Red	\$7	\$12	\$24	\$45	\$75		
	White	\$8	\$14	\$25	\$53	\$88		
SPRUCE: Blue	8-14"	\$8	\$14	\$25	\$51	\$84		
	Norway	\$8	\$14	\$25	\$53	\$88		
	White	\$8	\$14	\$24	\$51	\$84		

Transplants	Size	25	50	100	250	QTY	Price
CEDAR: N. White	24-36"	\$50	\$113	\$200	\$350	X	
FIR: Canaan	8-14"	\$22	\$48	\$86	X	X	
PINE: Douglas	10-16"	\$13	\$28	\$50	\$88	X	
	Red	\$18	\$39	\$70	\$123	\$263	
	White	\$8	\$17	\$30	\$53	\$113	
SPRUCE: Blue	12-18"	\$11	\$25	\$45	\$79	\$169	
	Norway	\$9	\$21	\$38	\$66	\$141	
	White	\$9	\$20	\$35	\$61	\$131	

APPLE (semi-dwarf) 1 of each (1 Wolf River & 1 Honey Crisp) 4-6 \$20/pair

Hardwoods	Size	25	50	100	QTY	Price
A. Chestnut	1-2'	\$21	\$38	\$64	\$150	X
Birch	1-1 1/2'	\$4	\$8	\$17	\$30	\$53
Hybrid Poplar	1-2'	\$3	\$6	\$13	\$23	\$40
Mountain Ash	1-2'	\$14	\$25	\$58	\$100	X
Pin Oak	1-1 1/2'	\$6	\$11	\$25	\$45	X
Red Maple	1-2'	\$7	\$13	\$28	\$50	\$88
Red Oak	1-2'	\$6	\$11	\$25	\$45	\$79
Sugar Maple	1-2'	\$8	\$15	\$34	\$60	\$105
White Ash	1-2'	\$6	\$11	\$25	\$45	\$79
White Oak	1-2'	\$5	\$9	\$20	\$35	\$61

Plant	Size	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200
A. Bittersweet	12-18"	\$7	\$12	\$28	\$49	\$86
Bayberry	12-24"	\$21	\$38	\$64	\$150	\$263
Elderberry	12-24"	\$10	\$19	\$42	\$75	X
Gray Dogwood	12-24"	\$8	\$14	\$31	\$55	\$96
Hazelnut	12-24"	\$12	\$21	\$48	\$85	\$149
Highbush Cranberry	12-18"	\$9	\$17	\$38	\$67	X
Lilac	12-24"	\$7	\$13	\$28	\$50	\$88
Nannyberry	12-24"	\$28	\$50	X	X	X
Ninebark	12-24"	\$3	\$6	\$13	\$23	\$39
Red Oyster Dogwood	10-18"	\$3	\$5	\$11	\$20	\$35
R. Crabapple	12-24"	\$6	\$10	\$23	\$40	\$70
Sand Cherry	12-24"	\$3	\$6	\$13	\$23	X
Serviceberry	12-18"	\$8	\$15	\$34	\$60	\$105
Silky Dogwood	12-24"	\$5	\$9	\$20	\$35	\$61
Washington Hawthorn	12-24"	\$8	\$14	\$31	\$55	\$96
White Hazel	12-24"	\$21	\$38	\$64	\$150	\$263

Tax deductible donation \$ _____

Make checks payable to: C-RCD (sales tax has been included). TOTAL enclosed \$ _____
Note: It is unlawful for these seedlings to be resold without the donor's approval.
Tree planting supplies will be available for purchase during Tree Sale.